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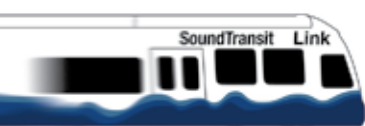
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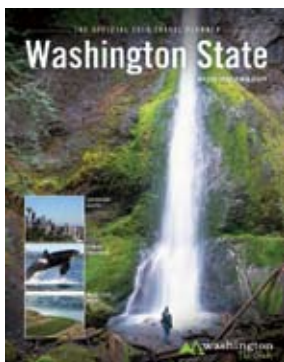
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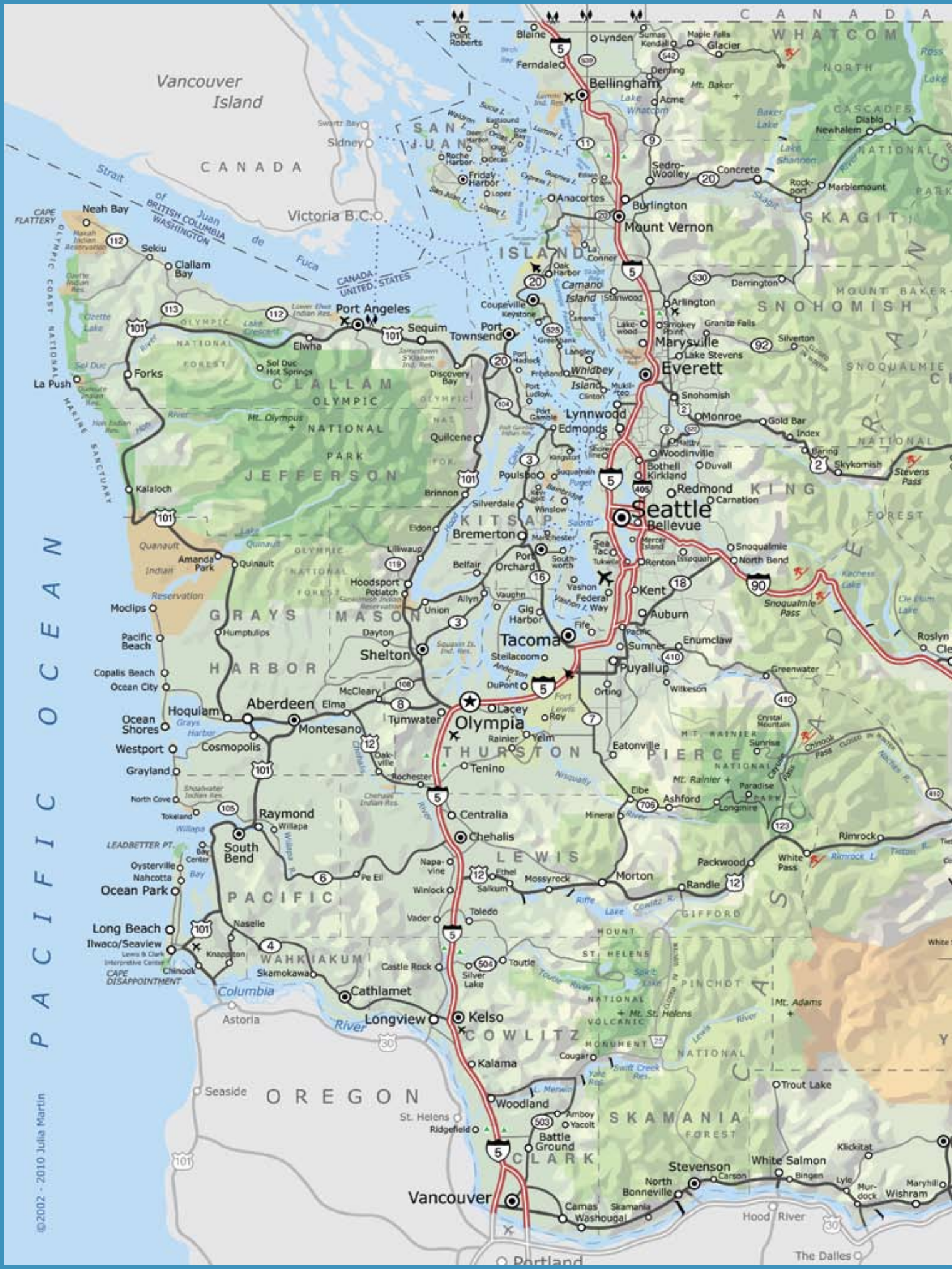
From its breathtaking coastlines and mountains to its lush fields and forests, the Evergreen State offers a spectacular backdrop for travelers. Washington also boasts vibrant urban centers and communities that host thousands of arts and cultural happenings every year.

This winter the world's attention turns to our region for the Vancouver, B.C. 2010 Olympic Winter Games and the 2010 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Spokane. In August, Washington's award-winning Chambers Bay Golf Course serves as the home of the 2010 U.S. Amateur Championship.

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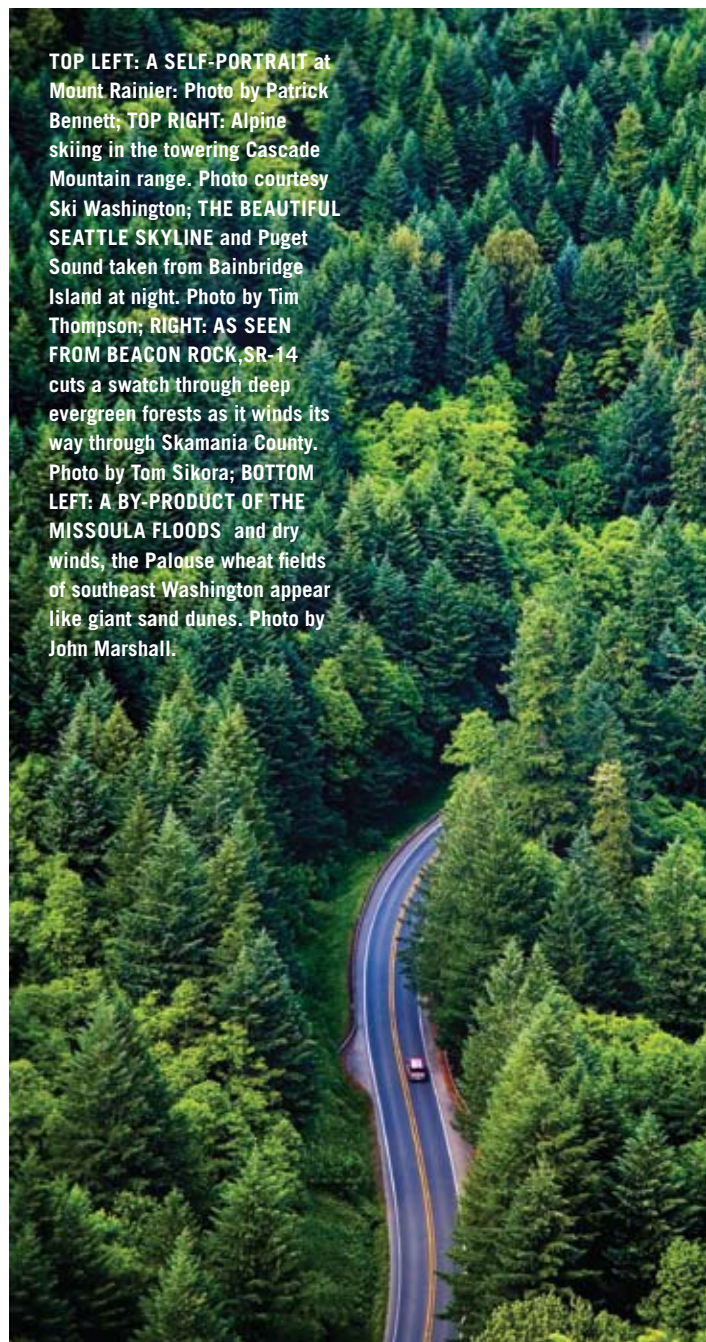
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TOP LEFT: A SELF-PORTRAIT at Mount Rainier: Photo by Patrick Bennett; TOP RIGHT: Alpine skiing in the towering Cascade Mountain range. Photo courtesy Ski Washington; THE BEAUTIFUL SEATTLE SKYLINE and Puget Sound taken from Bainbridge Island at night. Photo by Tim Thompson; RIGHT: AS SEEN FROM BEACON ROCK, SR-14 cuts a swatch through deep evergreen forests as it winds its way through Skamania County. Photo by Tom Sikora; BOTTOM LEFT: A BY-PRODUCT OF THE MISSOULA FLOODS and dry winds, the Palouse wheat fields of southeast Washington appear like giant sand dunes. Photo by John Marshall.





Your Excellent Washington State Adventure Starts Here

Washington State is nestled in the northwest corner of the continental United States and shares a border with British Columbia, home to the 2010 winter games. We are the true northwest, bordered on the west by the Pacific Ocean, the Olympic rainforest and the tiny San Juan Islands bobbing off the northwest shores. The towering Cascade mountain range with its four snowcapped volcanic peaks divides us in half from north to south; channeled scablands and fertile high-plains desert comprise our central regions.



the southeast, you'll find the rolling hills of the Palouse area. Here dunes of volcanic ash, sediment from the massive Missoula floods and irrigation courtesy of the Snake River combine to create some of the richest farmland in the nation

Directly to the north and easily accessible, is Canada. Our southern border is defined by the mighty Columbia River, cutting a huge gash through the Cascades to create the famous Gorge, the only sea-level passage through the mountain range.

To the far northeast, you begin to feel the influence of the Rocky Mountains as sagebrush gives way to towering ponderosa pine, crisp streams and glacial lakes. To

This geographic diversity creates perhaps the widest range of outdoor activities you'll find anywhere in the world—winter and summer.

RIGHT: BEACON ROCK looks today much the way it did when the Lewis & Clark Expedition noted it in their journals over 200 years ago. Photo © Terry Donnelly.

BELOW: MUCH OF SOUTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON'S WINE COUNTRY can be explored on bicycles or even on horseback. Photo courtesy of Yakima Valley Visitors & Convention Bureau.

ORCA WHALE WATCHING is a popular activity in Pacific Northwest waters. Photo by iStock.



There's just more to see and do

Congratulations. You've landed in one of the richest, most geologically varied and culturally rich spots in North America. And all you really need is time and energy. Bargains abound, and if you visit and only see what is free, you'll still go home wide-eyed and longing to return.

Mountains high and oceans deep

Hike the Olympic Mountains or the Cascades for spring bloom, summer balm or autumn color. Ski downhill or cross-country, snowshoe or snowboard when the snow flies. Walk the rocky (and sandy) Pacific beaches; listen to the waves pound in and explore tide pools. Our mountain-bike trails attract

aficionados from the far corners of America, Europe and Asia. But they are seldom crowded.

Desert plains in Washington?

When you visualize Washington, do you immediately see green forests and rain? Think again. Head east, following the Columbia River Gorge. Or travel up and over the Cascades, on one of the passes, maybe following the North Cascades Highway. It leads through one of the state's three national parks. There are also municipal, county and state parks by the hundreds.

Once past the high rock wall that divides the state, you leave the mosses and ferns and towering timbers and enter a vast desert. Here tumbleweed

rolls, piling up on weathered fence posts and rusted barbed wire. In the shallow lakes scattered about the landscape, sandhill cranes and other migrating birds swoop down to sojourn. They are both handsome and graceful. A full two-thirds of the state looks like this; it will take your breath away!

The mighty Columbia: lifeblood of our civilization for centuries

On the Columbia River, you'll see a waterway that was a trade route for native inhabitants at least ten millennia before newcomers Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, Sacagawea, and the Corps of Discovery made their historic journey to the Pacific Ocean.

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Rich, ubiquitous and infinitely varied is the culture of Washington's first residents. Whether you visit a gallery to buy a dance mask carved from cedar or alder, spend the night in a tepee in the Yakama Nation, or attend a powwow hosted by any of our 29 native tribes, you'll be riveted by the beauty and depth of what you see, and you'll feel welcome.

Fishing and timber heritage

Meander through our historic and pristine towns to see well-preserved remnants of the culture that came with the first European-American settlers. Venerable brick and frame buildings are now often home to restaurants, bed-and-breakfasts, shops and galleries.

Bookstores are stuffed with volumes that celebrate the history and culture of the state, attesting to both the keen public interest in things Washington and the marketability of our heritage. Towns across the state celebrate their history with locals turning out in force for harvest festivals, pioneer days, logging shows, sea fests and ethnic festivals of all kinds.

Every community has a story

Poulsbo, Bellingham, Port Townsend, Gig Harbor and La Conner are all rooted in the maritime and timber industries that brought settlers west. Ellensburg, Walla Walla and Dayton built sturdy brick downtowns and stately craftsman homes using wealth created through ranching and agriculture. Olympia anchors our state government and Vancouver, with Fort Vancouver, harkens back to the early 19th century when the Hudson Bay Company traded with 35 tribal groups for fur.

Around Yakima the Hispanic culture is so colorful and alive you'll wonder at times if you've awakened in Guadalajara. By contrast, visit Seattle's International District on Chinese New Year to see dragons dancing with shimmy and strut to rival Shanghai. And while you're

dipping into these enclaves of ethnicity, be certain to sample the local cuisine.

The bounty of Washington's resources

No matter what part of the state they live in, Washingtonians love good food. From the sea, the ranches and the wilderness, chefs all around the state are producing meals that win awards and, more importantly, the gastronomic affections of their consumers. Paired with a glass (or two) of one of our award-winning wines, they'll make you understand why the kitchens of our state produce food as distinct, delicious and sought after as the cuisines of Europe, Asia, or Cajun country.

Immodest about our state we may be. But Washington has it all. Yes, you'll likely come to see our natural wonders ... the jagged snowcapped peaks, the slopes carpeted in wildflowers, the wild, cold, foamy waves crashing against towering rock outcroppings. But like side dishes and desserts at a banquet, the rest of the menu that makes up this feast called Washington is vast, complex and complete.

Once is not nearly enough

We welcome you. Pick a place and explore. Block off a good chunk of time and see and do as much as you can, from the sophistication of Seattle and the Puget Sound metropolis to the vast farmland and vibrant communities of the Palouse, or the interestingly named Ritzville.

Always, and we repeat, *always*, take the time to explore the communities beyond the freeway off-ramp homogenized experiences." Get into the heart of our tiny historic downtowns, eat the local food and talk to the eccentric waitresses, shop owners and residents. Authenticity is the reason you came here and these are the memories you'll hold dear for a lifetime.

One visit to Washington is not nearly enough. But you don't need to be told that. As with the other great destinations of the world, you'll never get your fill.

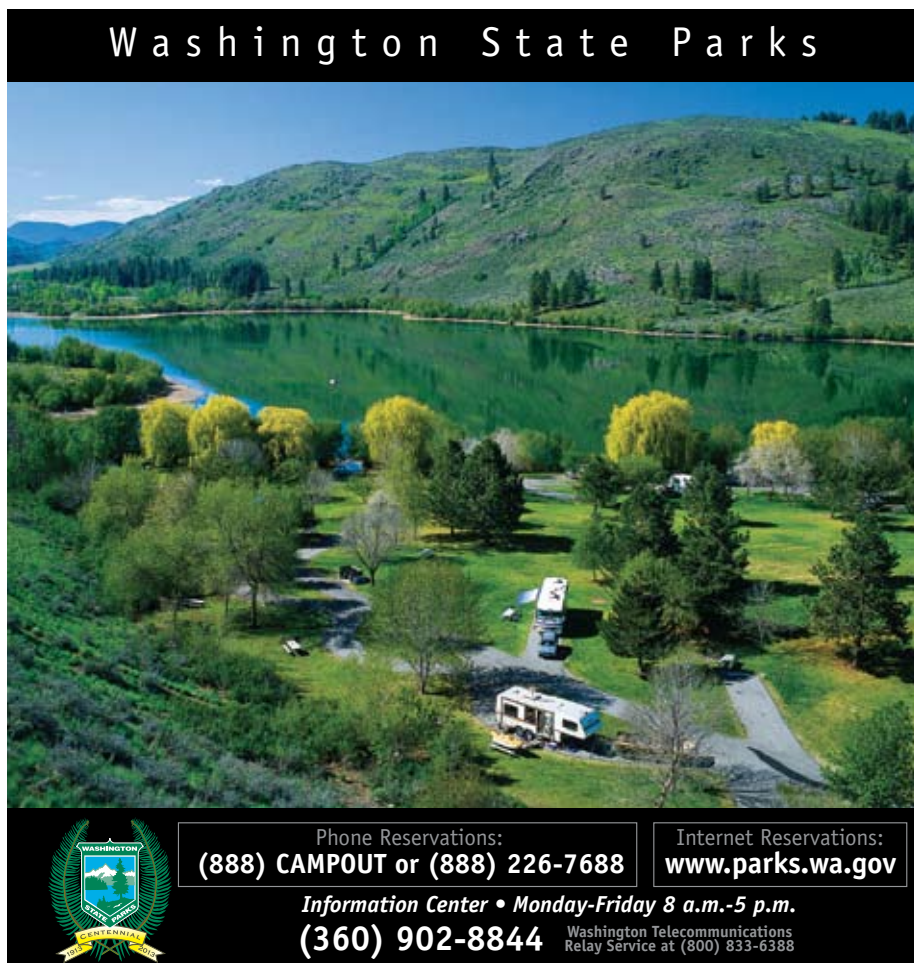


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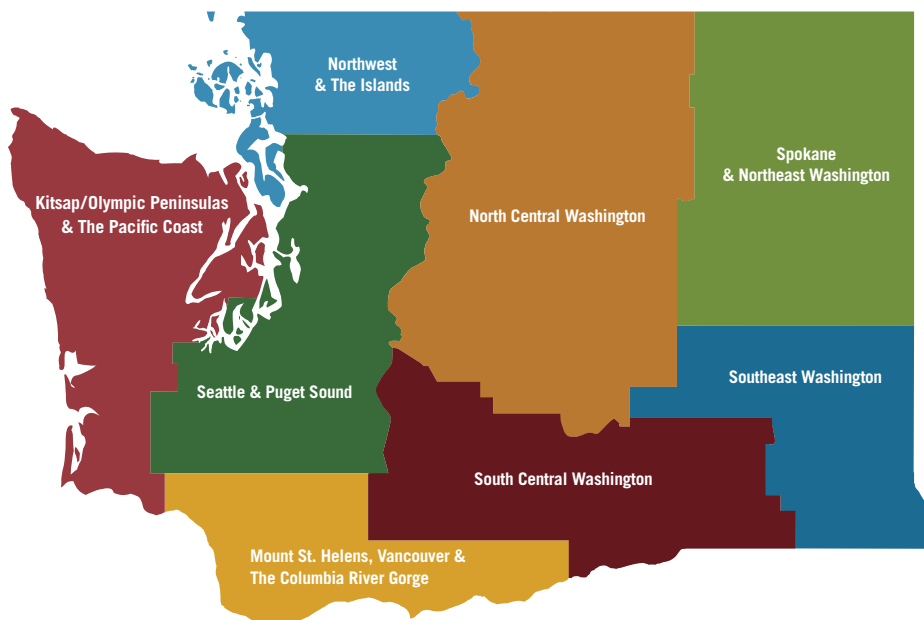


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Seattle & Puget Sound

Seattle and the Puget Sound metro area (extending to Olympia and Mount Rainier in the south and Everett to the north) offer one of the most sophisticated and exciting urban experiences in the world. See our museums, sports teams, parks, galleries, and live performances. Then ply the waters of Puget Sound. Take a ferry to pastoral Bainbridge or Vashon islands or drive around the Sound through Tacoma and Gig Harbor. Drive into the towering North Cascades or to Paradise at the foot of Mount Rainier. "Metronatural" is Seattle's theme because it's literally all right here.

Northwest & The Islands

Nestled on the inlets of Puget Sound or at the foot of towering Cascade peaks, towns and villages offer glimpses of a resplendent past and a vibrant present. Ferry to the nearby San Juan Islands and enjoy kayaking or whale watching in these protected waters. Don't miss touring the Skagit Valley and stopping at local farms, wineries, and the glorious tulip fields. Stroll in a park, eat a fine dinner, visit an art gallery in La Conner or go see a play in Bellingham. The excitement and fun are as tall as Mount Baker.

Kitsap/Olympic Peninsulas & The Pacific Coast

Few places in the world can boast beaches, rocky and sandy, luxurious rain forests, and glacier-saddled mountains soaring up to well over a height of a mile and a half above sea level. Could raw, untamed nature be more accessible? Add the quaint hamlet of Poulsbo with its obvious Norwegian influence, the darling Victorian-era communities of Port Gamble and

Port Townsend with their arts and eateries. Then there's that famous sandy peninsula called Long Beach. Welcome to the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsulas and our Pacific Coast.

Mount St. Helens, Vancouver & The Columbia River Gorge

Whether you're peering into the stark and eerie crater of Mount Saint Helens or wandering through the amazing lava tube Ape Caves, you'll know you are in a place where nature calls the shots. Visit historic Vancouver and walk along the mouth of the mighty Columbia River. Drive through the Columbia Gorge viewing modern windsurfers, 3,000-year-old pictographs and a standing replica of Stonehenge. The wonders just don't stop.

North Central Washington

This is a land of contrasts, from dark and moist forests of the west and the Bavarian town of Leavenworth, to the arid channeled scablands to the east, attesting to the rampaging floods of the last Ice Age. Swing into Wenatchee on the banks of the Columbia. Take a spectacular boat trip up Lake Chelan, watch a flock of sandhill cranes or tour the largest electric power producing facility in the country at Grand Coulee Dam ... the choices are as varied as the landscape.

South Central Washington

In Yakima's verdant riverfront and wonderfully fertile valley, you'll want to make the next turn down every road you pass. Roam on through this wide-open country stopping at dozens of wineries, local museums, and meeting friendly folks. In the valley near Toppenish, you can visit the cultural center of the Confederated Tribes

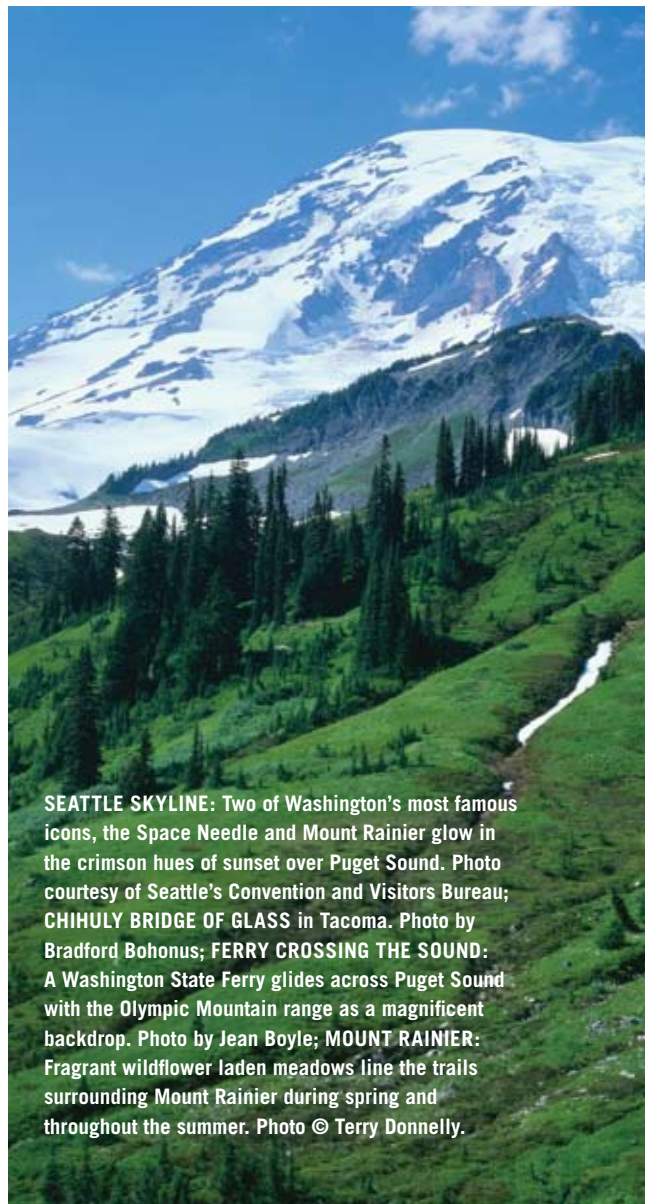
of the Yakama Nation. Soak up the culture of the Columbia River in the Tri Cities. Discover a surprising enclave of art in old Walla Walla and all along the way, you'll experience the authentic charm of Washington's wine country.

Spokane & Northeast Washington

Anchored by the bustle and elegance of historic Spokane, you can follow the Columbia River and trails first used by native tribes through national forests, dig for fossils, watch any of 267 species of birds migrate or a grazing buffalo herd. See one of nature's finest temper tantrums in the backwater of Boundary Dam where rock formations tumble and fold as two continents collided some 500 million years ago. Combined with some of the richest gold and mineral deposits in the world, there is more accessible natural history and wildlife here than you can ever hope to imagine. A true pioneer spirit and pride of place permeates every conversation. Take the time to listen.

Southeast Washington

From deep canyons to fertile farm country, historic towns, to the rolling hills of the Palouse you'll be enveloped by grand scenery and frontier charm of Southeast Washington. Climb to the top of Steptoe Butte to view the surrounding wheat fields; swing into Pullman for some Cougar cheese; take a jet boat on the Snake River through Hells Canyon; get a photo of the surreal Palouse Falls, or just mosey along any of the numerous back roads through the Blue Mountains and tiny communities like lovely Dayton with its 117 buildings on the national historic registry. This is where the sun rises every morning on Washington State.



SEATTLE SKYLINE: Two of Washington's most famous icons, the Space Needle and Mount Rainier glow in the crimson hues of sunset over Puget Sound. Photo courtesy of Seattle's Convention and Visitors Bureau; **CHIHULY BRIDGE OF GLASS** in Tacoma. Photo by Bradford Bohonus; **FERRY CROSSING THE SOUND:** A Washington State Ferry glides across Puget Sound with the Olympic Mountain range as a magnificent backdrop. Photo by Jean Boyle; **MOUNT RAINIER:** Fragrant wildflower laden meadows line the trails surrounding Mount Rainier during spring and throughout the summer. Photo © Terry Donnelly.



Seattle & Puget Sound

The glittering sliver of civilization that flanks the shore of Puget Sound from Olympia to Everett is one of the



world's most vibrant urban areas. After crossing miles of desert, wilderness or ocean, you are among the more than four million people who call this region home. Puget Sounders play on the water and in the mountains, but their love of urban life rivals anything you'll find in pockets of Manhattan or Paris.

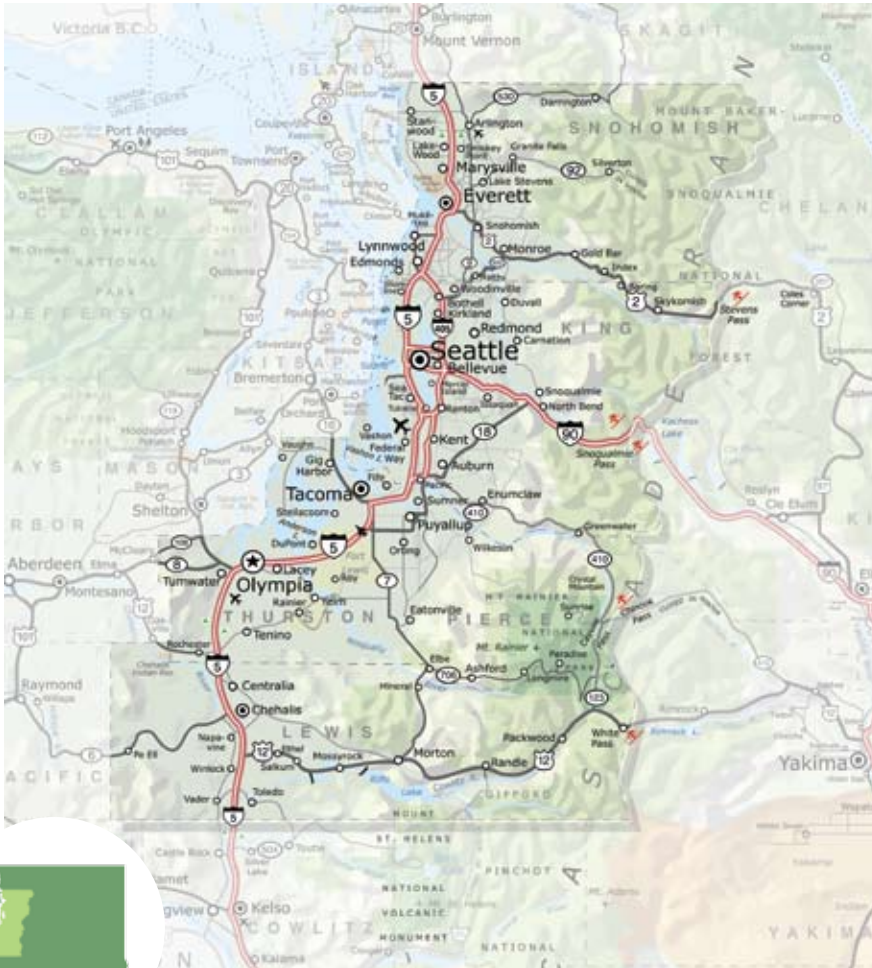
From the quaint streets of Olympia, filled with shops that cater to the city's artistic and intellectual spirit, to Tacoma's Museum of Glass, parks and zoo, to the sandy beaches of Jetty Island off Everett to the north, adventure abounds.

Mount Rainier, the state's tallest mountain, doesn't just dominate the regional landscape—it defines it. “The

Mountain,” as locals call it, will draw you in for boundless outdoor fun and leave you breathless.

Smack-dab in the middle of it all is Seattle with its soaring skyline, theaters, mega sports stadiums, shopping, walking, open spaces and public gardens, and restaurant after scrumptious restaurant. Start the day with fish and eggs at an authentic workingman's eatery in Pike Place Market. Walk the city, visit a museum, take a boat tour and see a ball game. Wrap up the day with a great dinner and a performance. Or rest up for another over-the-top day tomorrow.

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The panoramic cityscape of Seattle, with Mount Rainier rising in the background and a fleet of ferries transporting cars and passengers across the Sound, leaves most visitors breathless. Once you spot the Space Needle, backed by Queen Anne Hill with snowcapped Olympics rising up to the west, you'll know why locals never tire of this view. Truly, Seattle is one of the world's most beautiful cities.

Enjoy the sites along the waterfront, grab a cup of coffee at the world's first Starbucks and walk the downtown from Pike Place Market to historic Pioneer Square. Every neighborhood has its own quirky attitude: Fremont, Ballard, Capitol Hill and the "U" District are as different as night and day. The vibrant pan-Asian International District is filled with exotic art and cuisine. Boats of all descriptions bob up and down in packed marinas. The prospects for adventures are inexhaustible.

Narrowing down your options

In Seattle, you'll find no shortage of information and opinion pointing you in the direction of the famous, must-see sights and things to do.

Pike Place Market: The best time to see the oldest and perhaps the most colorful market in the country coming to life is before noon. Chat with the vendors and enjoy breakfast in one of the bustling market diners. Flowers by the bucketful, flying fish, fresh pastries, fruits and vegetables and an assortment



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: DOWNTOWN SEATTLE: The Space Needle is perhaps the most recognized landmark of the Seattle skyline. Photo © Terry Donnelly.

CRUISE SHIP: The MS Amsterdam departs from downtown Seattle for Alaska as a state ferry transports passengers to a more local destination. Photo courtesy of Holland America Lines.

SEAPLANE ON LAKE UNION: Seaplanes landing and departing from downtown Seattle's Lake Union are a common sight and never fail to entertain visitors to Puget Sound. Photo by Patrick Bennett.

PIKE PLACE MARKET: Young women sit on one of the signature pig sculptures while take a short break from shopping at Seattle's historic Pike Place Market. Photo by Jean Boyle.

FROM ALKI BEACH you can get great views of the Olympic Mountains, ferry traffic and the Seattle skyline. Photo by Jerry Davis.



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Seattle Center: Access from downtown is easy via a 90-second ride on the Monorail. Go early to avoid the crowds, or in the afternoon to enjoy the hubbub of activity. The Pacific Science Center brims with discoveries. Rock-and-roll fans of all ages will appreciate the collection of artifacts and interactive exhibits at the Experience Music Project. While there, you'll also want to visit the entertaining Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame,

which pays tribute to the masters of that craft. Seattle Center is also home to the world-reknowned Seattle Opera and ground zero for the popular summer music festivals Northwest Folklife and Bumbershoot.

The Space Needle is worth an hour or more for the view and the take-your-breath-away ride to its observation deck, 520 feet above ground. Enjoy a meal in the restaurant—the food is excellent. It's a place to linger as the room makes a complete 360-degree turn every hour.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: BUILT FOR THE 1960 WORLD'S FAIR, the monorail is still a vital transportation link between the Seattle Center and the downtown shopping district. Photo by Tim Thompson.

VISITORS STROLL through Seattle's historic Pioneer Square district. Photo by Jean Boyle.

ICHIRO strikes his signature pose at Safeco Field, located in the SODO district, just south of Pioneer Square. Photo courtesy the Seattle Mariners.

DESIGNED BY RENOWNED ARCHITECT FRANK GEHRY, the Experience Music Project (EMP) continues to draw enthusiastic crowds to this shrine of rock and roll history. Photo © Terry Donnelly.



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ABOVE: WESTLAKE CENTER: Shoppers enjoy the promenades connecting the very walkable Westlake Center district in downtown Seattle. Photo by David Blandford.

LEFT TOP: SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY Many visitors consider the Seattle Public Library, designed by Rem Koolhaas a “must see.” Photo courtesy of The Seattle Public Library.

LEFT BOTTOM: FUN AT THE FOUNTAIN: The fountain at Seattle Center provides a popular respite for visitors to the Science Center, Experience Music Project and events at Key Arena. Photo by Patrick Bennett.



Pioneer Square: This is where Seattle started 150 years ago, and it retains much of the architecture and spirit of those bygone days. You’ll find boutique shopping, art galleries, nightlife activities, international dining and sightseeing opportunities such as the entertaining Seattle Underground Tour.

Seattle waterfront: A bustling collection of attractions, restaurants and shopping, as well as starting points for ferries, cruise ships and boat tours, are located here. The Seattle waterfront is

also home to the Seattle Aquarium and Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center. Visit nearby Blake Island for an Indian-style salmon bake, ferry across Puget Sound, enjoy a dinner cruise on the water or explore Elliott Bay on a harbor cruise.

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Stunning Seattle Public Library Building: The eclectic modern design of the new Seattle Public Library, by renowned architect Rem Koolhaas, draws visitors from around the world. It’s almost pure sculptural geometry. A structural steel-and-glass skin unifies the multifaceted form and defines the public spaces in between. It’s definitely worth a peek inside. www.spl.org

A shutterbug’s paradise

The Space Needle notwithstanding, shutterbugs will be drawn to four grand views of the city. Kerry Park, west off Queen Anne Avenue North on West Highland Drive, looks south to the vertical splendor of downtown with Mount Rainier rising in the background.

Gasworks Park at the north end of Lake Union looks south over the lake to downtown, often with boat and amphibious plane activity on or above the water.

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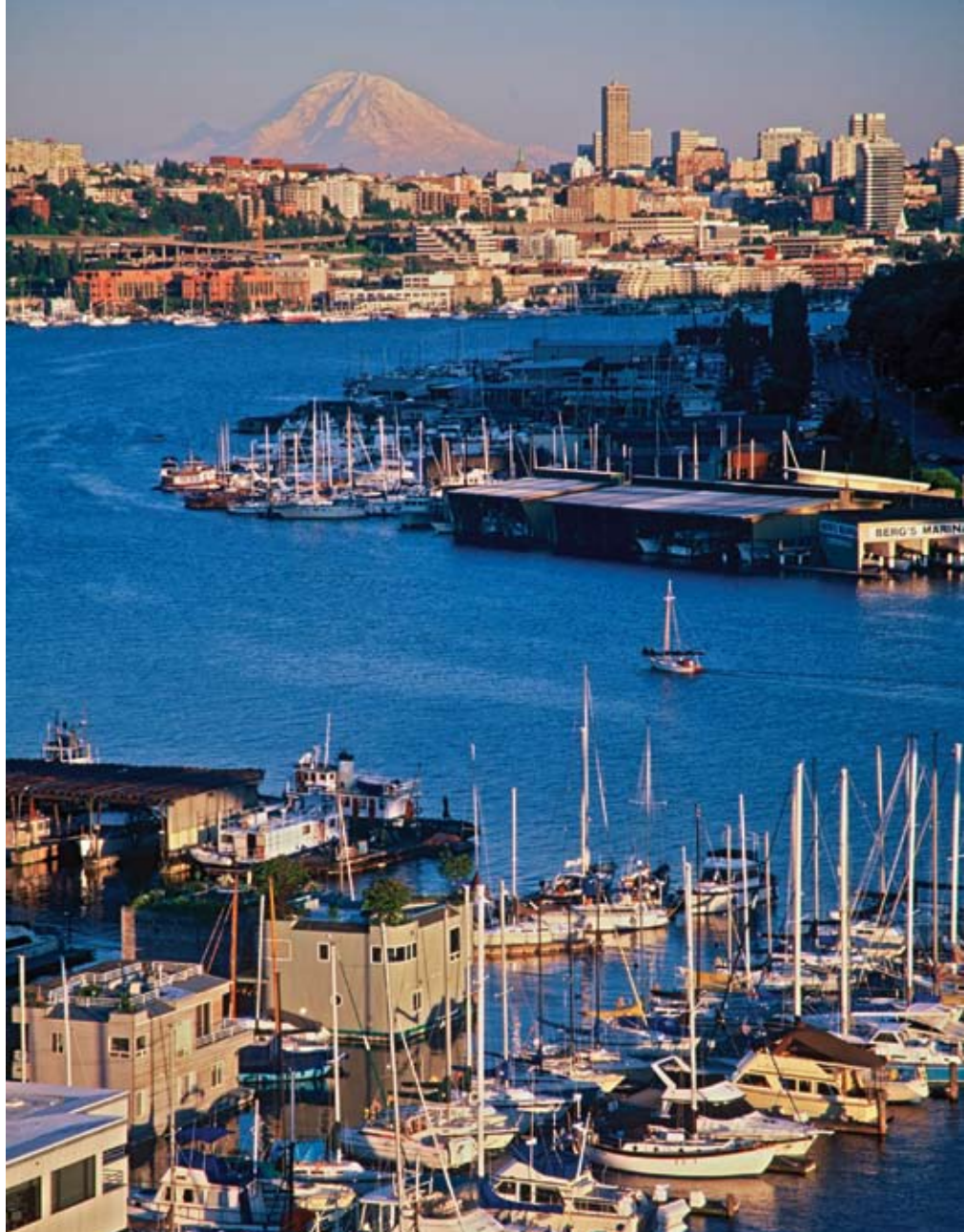


Seattle & Puget Sound



At the overlook off SW Admiral Way in West Seattle, where it makes a sharp west turn and heads toward California Avenue, the west face of the city spreads out before you with the container port and industrial waterfront at its feet.

Then there is Alki Beach Park, which flanks the northwest shore of the West Seattle peninsula. Seattleites pour into the park to stroll, jog, bike, play volleyball and splash in the cold salt water of Puget Sound, seeing and being seen. The cacophony is captivating. It is to Seattle what Copacabana is to Rio.



Touch nature in urban surroundings

Visitors are often surprised at how quickly the Seattle landscape shifts from human density to untamed nature. Parks, gardens and urban green spaces abound in this city, which brands itself as “metronatural.”

We recommend a visit to the Washington Park Arboretum, a spectacular botanical garden on the shores of Lake Washington, just east of downtown and south of the University of Washington. It’s heavenly to walk here in spring under clouds of pink and white cherry blossoms. Don’t miss the Japanese Garden and the hidden wetlands and wildlife by Foster and Marsh Islands.

Green Lake is one of Seattle’s most beloved parks and a perfect outing for walkers, joggers, bikers, skaters, boaters and anyone looking for a quick hit of nature in the midst of the city. A walk around the lake (2.8 miles on a paved trail) is perfect for stretching those furry legs if you’re traveling with your dog.

A choice of eclectic neighborhoods

Ballard, originally a Scandinavian fishing village, still has some Nordic-themed events but also a lot of cool and quirky shops and diners. Check out Market Street and Ballard Avenue, a historic red-brick street with boutiques springing up almost daily.

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: SITUATED ON MAGNOLIA BLUFF overlooking Puget Sound, the 534-acre Discovery Park offers spectacular view of both the Cascade and the Olympic Mountain ranges. The secluded site includes two miles of protected tidal beaches as well as open meadows, dramatic sea cliffs, forest groves, active sand dunes, thickets and streams. Photo by Danny Seidman.

WATERWAYS CONNECT THE CITY From the shores of Puget Sound through Lake Union and Lake Washington, Seattle is connected by a series of locks and waterways featuring the signature houseboats that are always a delight to pass by. Photo © Terry Donnelly.

ALKI BEACH PARK Alki Beach Park in West Seattle is a scenic location to run, bike or rollerblade, with Elliott Bay and the Seattle skyline serving as backdrops. Photo by Tim Thompson.

In nearby Fremont, a similar but more tongue-in-cheek experience can also be found. In addition to vintage clothing stores, tattoo parlors, brewpubs, restaurants and galleries, it also has an entertaining collection of public art. The eclectic array includes a troll devouring

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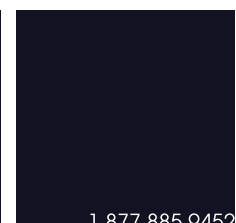


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UW CAMPUS Sitting on the shores of Lake Washington, the University of Washington is arguably one of the most beautiful campuses in the nation. Photo © Terry Donnelly.

a Volkswagen bug under the Aurora Bridge and a 53-foot rocket that appears to be in perpetual launch mode.

Capitol Hill is a mecca for urban hipsters and bohemians, with funky and fabulous coffeehouses, shops and restaurants. This is great people-watching and barhopping terrain. Visitors will enjoy a stop at the Seattle Asian Art Museum, at the north end of the hill in Volunteer Park.

Exploring the University District isn't complete without a stroll down "the Ave," which is lined with ethnic restaurants, theatres and bookshops popular with students. On Saturdays year-round, the University District Farmers Market, one of the best farmers' markets in the state, is held here and swarms with foodies looking for farm-fresh local delicacies.

Nearby is the University of Washington campus with its Gothic architecture, magnificent gardens and two excellent museums: the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, renowned for its collection of Native American art and

artifacts, and the Henry Art Gallery, a contemporary art museum.

Head to the "Eastside"

Lake Washington divides downtown Seattle from what folks here refer to as the "Eastside." Two floating bridges, one on I-90, the other on WA-520, cross the lake. I-90 goes east, across Mercer Island, and intersects with I-405, which parallels the eastern coastline of Lake Washington north to south. You can also get to the Eastside from either end of I-405.

Since expansion to the west from downtown Seattle is blocked by Puget Sound, many traditional farming communities are quickly becoming wealthy and bustling residential and business districts. Bothell, Woodinville and Redmond are right on the I-405 corridor, but a side loop along SR 203 from Monroe through the pastoral settings of Duval, Carnation and Snoqualmie is highly recommended for a glimpse of what the entire Eastside looked like just a few short years ago.



A taste of the Woodinville wineries

We recommend a stop in Woodinville's wine country during your journey to the Eastside. Over 40 wineries offer a variety of classic wine styles that consistently impress critics as well as wine lovers.



New tasting rooms from some of eastern Washington's prestigious wineries are cropping up almost daily.

At least one restaurant here is so highly regarded that you may need to make reservations months in advance.

LEFT TO RIGHT: LOCATED ATOP SEATTLE'S CAPITOL HILL, Volunteer Park features a Conservatory (pictured), Seattle Asian Art Museum, Puget Sound, mountain and downtown views. Photo © Terry Donnelly.

THE I-90 FLOATING BRIDGE links downtown Seattle to the "eastside" communities of Bellevue, Kirkland and Redmond and over Snoqualmie Pass to eastern Washington. Photo © Terry Donnelly.



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BELLEVUE: Glistening with glamour

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Miles of nature trails, public parks and swim beaches are walking distance from downtown for a workout or unwinding. Numerous spas, museums, performing arts groups and art galleries reside in Bellevue. The Bellevue Arts Museum is the Pacific Northwest's

center for the exploration of art, craft and design. Bellevue Botanical Gardens received *Sunset Magazine's* "Best of the West" designation and presents a unique holiday light display.

There are so many things to do in and around Bellevue that it comes down to how much time you have and whether your desire for adventure tends toward the urban or the pursuit of nature.

Salmon and waterfalls

From Bellevue, you may want to continue east on I-90 to visit some of the small communities that lead into the Cascade mountain range. Once a logging and mining village, Issaquah has become a very popular northwest destination. Known as the "Issaquah Alps", Cougar, Tiger & Squak mountains form the natural wonders at the base of the Cascades for boundless opportunities to enjoy outdoor sports and activities. A cute downtown, chocolate factory, zoological park and the famous Salmon Days Festival are just a few reasons to give Issaquah a try.

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TOP TO BOTTOM: LOCATED NEAR I-90 about 30 minutes east of downtown Seattle, Snoqualmie Falls is spectacular year round but especially in the early spring when melting snow runoff from the surrounding peaks is at its highest level. Photo by iStock.

SALMON DAYS: Celebrate the return of the salmon each fall by attending the Issaquah Salmon Days Festival, an extremely popular family and community wide event. Photo courtesy Issaquah Salmon Days. www.salmondays.org

Continuing east, don't miss Snoqualmie Falls. Plunging 268 feet, the falls are more than 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls. Salish Lodge at the top of the falls is a small, luxurious resort, great for a meal or an overnight stay. Hike down to the park at the falls' base for the view up.

Just a few minutes up I-90, the Summit at Snoqualmie provides some of the best skiing and summer hiking in the state.

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MUSEUM OF FLIGHT The original Boeing Company building houses exhibits as a part of the Museum of Flight complex located on Boeing Field. Photo courtesy Seattle Southside Visitor Services.

EMERALD DOWNS attracts thousands of horse racing fans each year. Photo courtesy Seattle Southside Visitor Services.

FUTURE BULL RIDER? A tough little fellow does his best to hold on during the popular Mutton Bustin' event at the Puyallup Fair rodeo grounds. Photo by Jerry Davis.



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SUNSET OVER LAKE STEILACOOM Located in Lakewood, about 3 miles southwest of Tacoma, Lake Steilacoom is actually a reservoir created in 1853 to facilitate a sawmill and later a grist mill operation. A public boat launch can be found at Edgewater Park on the eastern shore. Photo by Gerald Wiley.

TACOMA WATERWAY The marina at the Foss Waterway in downtown Tacoma is near the thriving arts and culture district. Tie up your boat and welcome ashore. Photo © Terry Donnelly.



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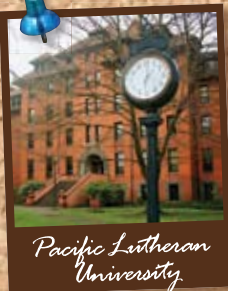
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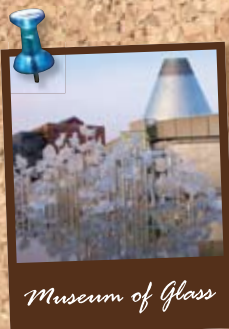
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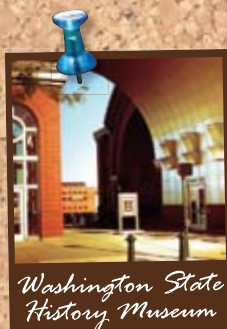
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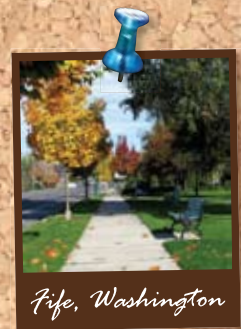
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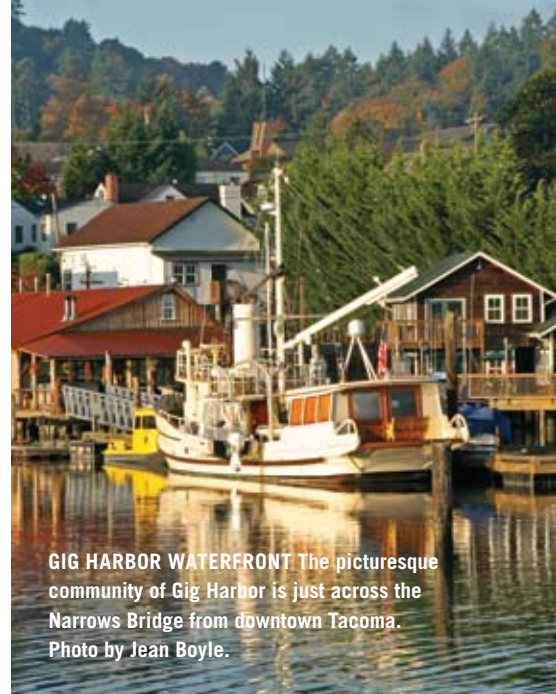
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GIG HARBOR WATERFRONT The picturesque community of Gig Harbor is just across the Narrows Bridge from downtown Tacoma.
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Mount Rainier: Our most visible icon

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South Puget Sound is a perfect jumping-off point for outdoor adventure and explorations of Mount Rainier National Park and several tiny historical communities on the way. A bit before U.S. 12 runs into I-5, southbound travelers come to the towns of Centralia and Chehalis. Officially incorporated in 1886, Centralia was a stagecoach stop between Portland and Seattle. Along with its neighbor to the

south, Chehalis, it is still a good stop between the major cities.

Pull off the freeway to cruise the old main streets because what you see from I-5 is definitely not what you get. You'll find locally owned restaurants and the historic McMenamin's Olympic Club Hotel & Theater along with some fun little shops to poke around. The Lewis County Historical Museum, housed in the 1912 Northern Pacific Railroad depot in downtown Chehalis, glows with local color and charm. www.tourlewiscounty.com



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT TOP: WINTER SUNSET on Mount Rainier. Photo © Mary Liz Austin.

ALPINE SETTINGS WITH LAKES, waterfalls and wildflowers appear at nearly every turn of the paths that criss-cross the forests surrounding Mount Rainier. Photo by Patrick Bennett.

SOLITUDE ON THE LAKE Fisherman wet a line while paddling their canoe through the still waters of one of the many lakes found throughout the area. Photo by Ben Tobin.



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Chehalis Centralia Railroad and Museum


This steam-powered standard-gauge tourist railroad operates over a nine-mile section of track from downtown Chehalis. Previously operated by the Milwaukee Road, the line winds through scenic hills and farmland and over several wooden trestles. (www.steamtrainride.com)

From Chehalis, it's just a few miles south on I-5 to the U.S. 12 interchange. Go east and you'll be heading directly into Mount Rainier territory. Mount Rainier is undoubtedly one of Washington's most visible icons. The state's tallest mountain doesn't just dominate the landscape—it defines it. Regardless of your motivation—to drive through stunningly beautiful and remote forests to photograph peaks, valleys, waterfalls, meadows and alpine lakes, or to camp, hike, fish and climb to dizzying heights—this is a region that will draw you in and leave you breathless.

This area is vast and accessible from several starting points in Seattle or

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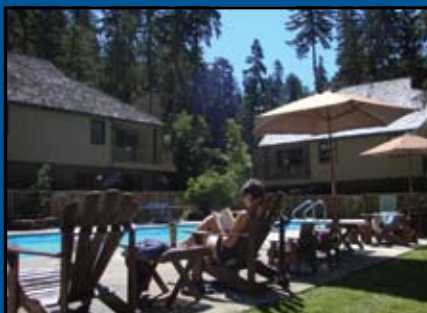
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Completed in 1928, the legislative building was the last great domed building to be built in the United States. It's open to visitors throughout the year and tours are free. Enjoy the Capitol campus with its lavish gardens, classic artwork, Temple of Justice, Governor's mansion and venerable old trees that stretch high and wide overhead.



LEFT: WASHINGTON'S STATE CAPITAL Home to several of Olympia's seasonal events, the Port Plaza on Budd Bay provides a view of the Olympic Mountains, the Capitol Dome and Olympia's working waterfront. Photo courtesy Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater VCB.

ABOVE: THE LAUNCH OF THE BOEING 787 DREAMLINER has drawn large crowds to tour the Everett plant where it is assembled. Photo courtesy Future of Flight Aviation Center.

NORTH SOUND: Entering Snohomish County

➤ LOCAL EXPERTS:

Snohomish County Tourism
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Lynnwood: A shopper's delight

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There is more than shopping in Lynnwood. At Heritage Park, you can view artifacts of Lynnwood's history, including a fully restored vintage Interurban Trolley. Heritage Park has a visitor information center with maps and brochures about places to visit in the region. Lynnwood also offers a municipal

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CLOCKWISE: CELEBRATED as an arts community, Edmonds features a nice collection of outdoor sculptures. Photo courtesy Snohomish County Tourism.

SHOP AT ALDERWOOD The beautiful walkways and gardens of Alderwood anchor a large surrounding retail and dining district and create a great shopping experience in Lynnwood. Photo courtesy City of Lynnwood.

EDMONDS FERRY A passenger takes a photo as the ferry prepares to dock in Kingston. Photo by Kristi Coulter.

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BOTHELL'S COUNTRY VILLAGE and downtown Snohomish are an antique hunter's delight. Photo by Kristi Coulter.



EVERETT WATERFRONT In Everett, like many of the communities along Puget Sound, the water has been key to transportation and commerce for centuries. The marina here is the largest on the west coast north of San Diego, CA. Photo courtesy Snohomish County Tourism.

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La Quinta Inn & Suites 2224 8th Ave, Seattle 98121 206-624-6820/800-SLEEPLQ www.lq.com	\$\$/\$\$\$	72		•	•	•		•	•
Larkspur Landing Bellevue 15805 SE 37th St, Bellevue 98006 425-373-1212 www.larkspurlanding.com	\$\$/\$\$\$	126		•	•	•		•	
Larkspur Landing Seattle/Renton 1701 E Valley Rd, Renton 98055 425-235-1212 www.larkspurhotels.com	\$\$/\$\$\$	127		•	•	•		•	
Motel 6 12010 120th PI NE, Kirkland 98034 425-821-5618/800-4-MOTEL6 www.motel6.com	\$/\$\$	123			•	•	•	•	
Motel 6 20651 Military Rd, Seattle 98198 206-824-9902/800-4-MOTEL6 www.motel6.com	\$/\$\$	124			•	•	•	•	
Quality Inn Renton 1850 SE Maple Valley Highway, Renton 98057 425-226-7600 www.qualityinn.com/hotel-renton-washington-WA191	\$/\$\$	105		•	•	•		•	
Quality Inn SeaTac Airport 2900 South 192nd Street, SeaTac 98188 206-241-9292/800-393-1856 www.qualityinn.com/hotel/wa153	\$/\$\$	105		•	•	•		•	
Ramada Inn & Suites - SeaTac 16720 International Blvd, SeaTac 98188 206-277-0700 www.ramada.com	\$/\$\$	155	•		•	•	•		
Ramada Inn Seattle Downtown 2200 5th Avenue, Seattle 98121 206-441-9785 www.ramada.com/00015	\$\$/\$\$\$	120	•		•				•
Ramada Limited SeaTac Airport North 13900 International Blvd, Tukwila 98168 206-244-8800 www.the.ramada.com/tukwila08911	\$/\$\$	38		•	•	•		•	

Hotel/Motel/Resort	Rate (Off-Peak/Peak)	Number of Rooms	Onsite Restaurant	Breakfast Included	Internet/WiFi	Microwave/Fridge	Swimming Pool	Pets Welcome	100% Smoke Free
\$ = Under \$70 \$\$ = \$70-\$120 \$\$\$ = \$120-\$200 \$\$\$\$ = Over \$200									
Redmond Inn 17601 Redmond Way, Redmond 98052 425-883-4900 www.redmondinn.com	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	137	•	•	•	•	•		•
Sheraton Seattle Hotel 1400 Sixth Avenue, Seattle 98101 206-621-9000/800-325-3535 www.sheraton.com/seattle	\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	1258	•		•		•	•	•
Sleep Inn SeaTac 20406 International Blvd S, SeaTac 98198 206-878-3600 www.choicehotels.com	\$/\$\$	105	•	•	•	•			
Super 8 Motel 3100 South 192nd, SeaTac 98188 206-433-8188/800-800-8000 www.Super8.com	\$\$/\$\$	119		•	•			•	
W Seattle 1112 Fourth Avenue, Seattle 98101 206-264-6000 www.Whotels.com/Seattle	\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	424	•		•			•	•
Willows Lodge 14580 NE 145th St, Woodinville 98072 425-424-3900/877-424-3930 www.willowslodge.com	\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	84	•		•			•	•
MT RAINIER & LEWIS COUNTY									
Alta Crystal Resort at Mount Rainier 68317 SR 410 E, Greenwater 98022 360-663-2500/800-277-6475 www.altacrystalresort.com	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	24			•	•	•	•	•
Best Western Park Place Inn & Suites 201 SW Interstate Ave, Chehalis 98532 360-748-4040/877-748-0008 www.parkplaceinn-suites.com	\$\$/\$\$	61		•	•	•	•	•	•
Chehalis Inn & Suites 122 Interstate Avenue, Chehalis 98532 360-740-5339/877-740-5338 www.chehalisinn.com	\$/	70		•	•	•	•	•	
Crystal Mountain Hotels 33818 Crystal Mountain Blvd, Crystal Mountain 98022 888-754-6400 www.crystalhotels.com	\$/\$\$\$\$	65	•		•				•
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Chehalis 730 NW Liberty Place, Chehalis 98532 800-465-4329 www.hiexpress.com/chehaliswa	\$\$/\$\$	112		•	•	•	•	•	•
McMenamins Olympic Club Hotel, Pub & Theater 112 N Tower Ave, Centralia 98531 360-736-5164/866-736-5164 www.mcmenamins.com	\$/\$\$	27	•		•				•
Mill Village Motel 210 Center St E, Eatonville 98328 360-832-3200 www.whitepasstravel.com	\$\$/\$\$	32		•	•	•		•	
National Park Inn Mount Rainier National Park, Longmire 98397 360-569-2275 www.mtrainierguestservices.com	\$\$/\$\$\$	25	•						•
Paradise Inn Mount Rainier National Park, Paradise 98398 360-569-2275 www.mtrainierguestservices.com	\$\$/\$\$\$	121	•						•
NORTH PUGET SOUND									
Best Western Edmonds Harbor Inn 130 W Dayton St, Edmonds 98020 425-771-5021/800-441-8033 www.bwedmondsharborinn.com	\$\$/\$\$\$	91		•	•	•	•	•	•
Comfort Inn & Suites Bothell 1414 228th Street SE, Bothell 98021 425-402-0900 www.comfortinn.com/hotel-bothell-washington-WA704	\$\$/\$\$\$	61		•	•	•	•	•	
Courtyard by Marriott in Lynnwood 4220 Alderwood Mall Blvd, Lynnwood 98036 425-670-0500 www.marriott.com/sealn	\$\$/\$\$\$	164	•		•	•	•	•	•
Embassy Suites Hotel Seattle North Lynnwood 20610 44th Avenue W, Lynnwood 98036 425-775-2500/800-628-0611 www.seattlenorthlynnwood.embassysuites.com	\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	240	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Guesthouse Inn & Suites 19103 Hwy 2, Monroe 98272 360-863-1900 www.guesthouseintl.com	\$\$/\$\$	66		•	•	•	•	•	•
Holiday Inn Downtown Everett 3105 Pine St, Everett 98201 425-339-2000/800-700-1188 www.hieverett.com	\$\$/\$\$\$	243	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Holiday Inn Express Bothell 22922 15th Ave SE, Bothell 98021 425-483-8100/800-465-4329 www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/ex/1/en/hotel/botwa	\$\$/\$\$\$	62		•	•	•	•		
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Everett 131 128th Street, Everett 98240 425-609-4000 www.hiexpress.com/everettwa	\$\$/\$\$\$	99		•	•	•	•		•



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Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Marysville 8606 36th Ave NE, Marysville 98233 360-530-1234/800-465-4329 www.hiexpress.com/marysvillewa	\$\$/\$\$\$	100	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Inn at Snohomish 323 2nd Street, Snohomish 98290 360-568-2208/800-548-9993 www.snohomishinn.com	\$/\$\$	26			•	•		•	
La Quinta Inn Lynnwood 4300 Alderwood Mall Blvd, Lynnwood 98036 425-775-7447/800-775-0805 www.lq.com	\$/\$\$	101		•	•	•	•	•	•
Medallion Hotel 16710 Smokey Point Blvd, Arlington 98223 360-657-0500/888-317-0499 www.medallionhotel.net	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	97	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Motel 6 224 128th St SW, Everett 98204 425-353-8120/800-4-MOTEL6 www.motel6.com	\$/\$\$	99	•		•	•		•	
Residence Inn by Marriott Lynnwood 18200 Alderwood Mall Pkwy, Lynnwood 98036 425-771-1100/800-331-3131 www.marriott.com/sealw	\$\$\$/\$\$\$	120		•	•	•	•	•	•
Sunrise Motor Inn 8421 Evergreen Way, Everett 98208 425-347-1100 www.sunrisemotorinnwa.com	\$/	66			•	•			
Tulalip Resort Casino 10200 Quil Ceda Blvd, Tulalip 98271 360-716-6000/888-272-1111 www.tulalipresort.com	\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	370	•		•		•		•
SOUTH PUGET SOUND									
Auburn Guest House Inn 9 - 14th St NW, Auburn 98001 253-735-9600/800-443-7777 www.auburnguesthouseintl.com	\$/\$\$	96		•	•	•		•	
Best Western Tumwater Inn 5188 Capitol Blvd SE, Tumwater 98501 360-956-1235/800-848-4992 www.bestwestern.com/tumwaterinn	\$\$/\$\$	90		•	•	•		•	•
Clarion Hotel 900 Capitol Way S, Olympia 98501 360-352-7200/800-367-7771 www.clarionolympia.com	\$\$/\$\$\$	100	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, Sumner 2500 136th Avenue Court East, Sumner 98390 253-299-0205/800-465-4329 www.hiexpress.com/sumnerwa	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	112		•	•	•	•	•	•
Hotel Murano 1320 Broadway, Tacoma 98402 866-986-8083 www.murano.com	\$\$/\$\$\$	319	•		•	•		•	•
Inn at Gig Harbor 3211 56th Street NW, Gig Harbor 98335 253-858-1111/800-795-9980 www.innatgigharbor.com	\$\$/\$\$\$	64	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
King Oscar Hotel 8820 S Hosmer St, Tacoma 98444 253-539-1153/888-254-5464 www.koscar.com	\$/\$\$	375	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Liberty Inn 1400 Wilmington Drive, Dupont 98327 253-912-8777/877-912-8777 www.libertyinn.com	\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	72		•	•	•	•		•
Motel 6 1811 S 76th St, Tacoma 98408 253-473-7100/800-4-MOTEL6 www.motel6.com	\$/\$\$	119	•		•	•	•	•	
Motel 6 400 W Lee St, Tumwater 98501 360-754-7320/800-4-MOTEL6 www.motel6.com	\$/\$\$	118			•	•	•	•	
Prairie Hotel 701 Prairie Park Lane, Yelm 98597 360-458-8300 www.prairiehotel.com	\$\$/\$\$	67			•	•		•	•
Ramada Olympia 4520 Martin Way East, Olympia 98516 360-459-8866 www.ramada.com	\$\$/\$\$\$	125		•	•	•	•		
Super 8 Motel 112 College St, Lacey 98503 360-459-8888/800-800-8000 www.Super8.com	\$\$/\$\$	99		•	•	•	•	•	

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Jasmer's Rainier Cabins – Private Hot Tubs 30005 Hwy 706 E, Ashford 98304 360-569-2682 www.jasmers.com/2010	\$\$/\$\$\$\$			•	•	•	•	•	
TMC Properties PO Box 487, Packwood 98361 360-494-2311/800-294-2311 www.tmcproperties.com	\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	16	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Washington State Parks 360-902-8844 www.parks.wa.gov	\$/\$\$\$\$	2-5	•	•					

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	Rate (Off-Peak/Peak)	Number of Rooms	Min. Stay Req.	Private Bath/Shower	Fireplace Units	Cable or Sat. TV	Internet/WiFi	Jacuzzi/Hot Tub	Pets Welcome
\$ = Under \$70 \$\$ = \$70-\$120 \$\$\$ = \$120-\$200 \$\$\$\$ = Over \$200									
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Chittenden House B & B 5649 47th Avenue SW, Seattle 98136 206-935-0407 www.chittendenhouse.com	\$\$/\$\$\$	3		•	•	•	•	•	
Eason Estates Bed & Breakfast and Meeting Facility 10425 East Riverside Drive, Bothell 98011 425-488-7923 www.easonestates.com	\$\$\$	4		•		•	•	•	
The Inn at Mallard Cove 5025 Meridian RD NE, Olympia 98516 360-491-9795/800-320-3590 www.theinnatmallardcove.com	\$\$\$/\$\$\$	3		•	•	•	•		
Villa Heidelberg B & B 4845 45th Avenue SW, Seattle 98116 206-938-3658/800-671-2942 www.villaheidelberg.com	\$\$\$/\$\$\$	6	•		•	•	•		

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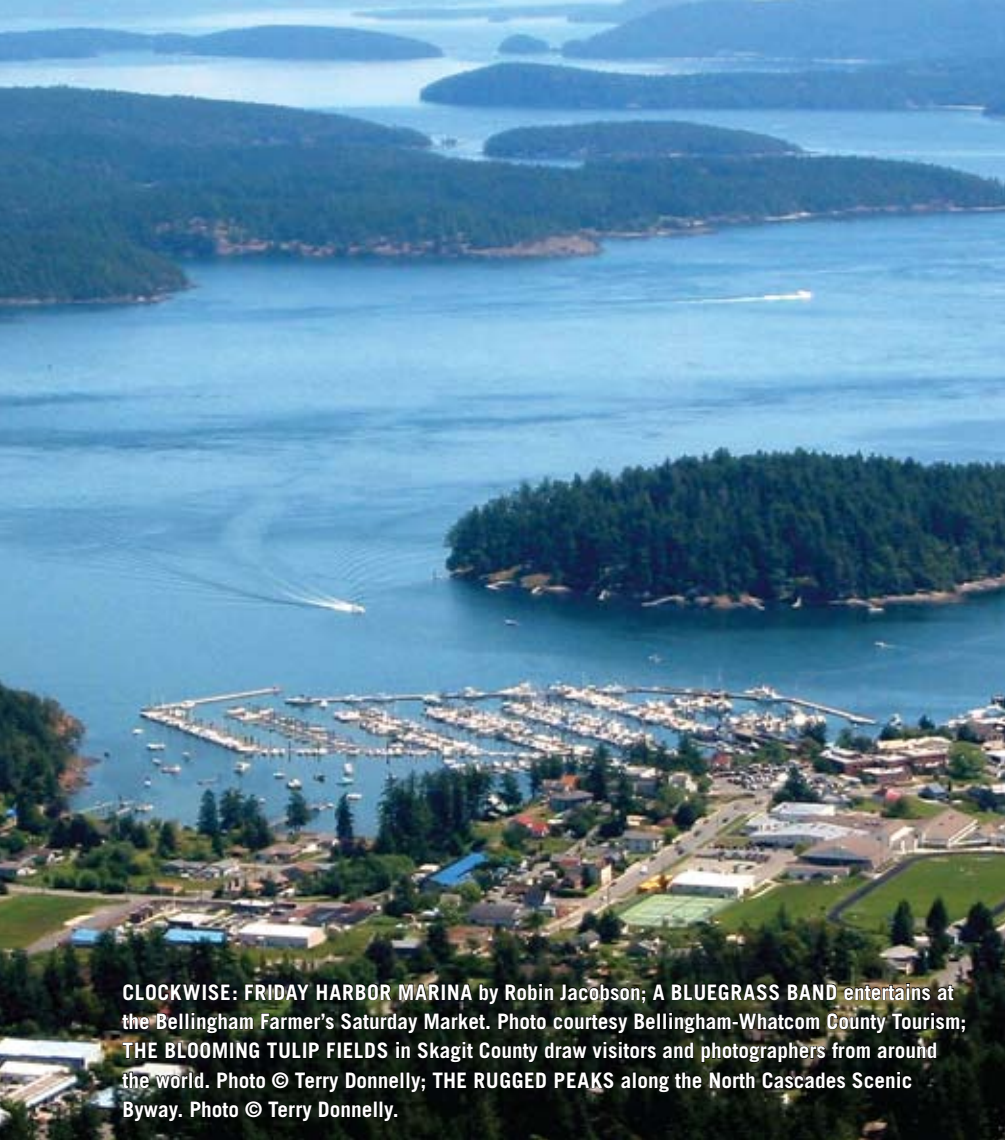
August 27-29 2010
Chehalis, WA
360-748-6836
www.chehalisgarlicfest.com

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1924 Post Alley, Pike Place Market
Seattle, WA 98101
206-770-9463
www.winesofwashington.com

Cascade County Cook Off

August 14th & 15th 2010
Hedwall Park, exit 76
Chehalis, WA 98532
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www.cascadecookoff.com



CLOCKWISE: FRIDAY HARBOR MARINA by Robin Jacobson; **A BLUEGRASS BAND** entertains at the Bellingham Farmer's Saturday Market. Photo courtesy Bellingham-Whatcom County Tourism; **THE BLOOMING TULIP FIELDS** in Skagit County draw visitors and photographers from around the world. Photo © Terry Donnelly; **THE RUGGED PEAKS** along the North Cascades Scenic Byway. Photo © Terry Donnelly.





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As the ferry heads towards one of the San Juan Islands you might see a pod of orca whales, their dorsal fins rising high in the water. If you show proper appreciation and respect, they may even breach for you. Eagles roost in the shoreline trees, and the redolence of the sea mingles with the scents of the forest. A week, a month, a lifetime isn't too long on these accessible yet faraway islands. Allow plenty of time for browsing historic Anacortes on your way to or from the San Juan Islands or Vancouver.

On the mainland, poke around enchanting La Conner, home to an enclave of fabled Northwest writers and painters. Visit old Sedro-Woolley, the very heart of Darius Kinsey's logging culture. Need a plaid shirt, a set of wide red suspenders or a huge stack of griddle cakes? You'll find them here. Head up the scenic North Cascades Highway,



through the national park. This is about as beautiful as rugged mountain country can get; with every turn a postcard view opens up.

Plunk yourself down for a spell in Bellingham. From this gem of a small city you can loop up to Mount Baker or go out on a whale-watching expedition. In town, watch a play or laugh till you ache in a comedy club or sample arguably some of the finest handcrafted ales in the state. Explore first-rate art and craft shops in historic buildings or enjoy an exquisite meal in handsome surroundings. Tour the Western Washington University Campus to see the world-famous outdoor sculpture collection.

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From the Mukilteo-Clinton ferry landing on Whidbey Island, it's a short drive to the villages of Clinton and Langley. In Langley, many wooden buildings with old western false fronts line streets filled with antique and gift shops, galleries and good eateries. And when the Whale Bell rings in Langley it means, "look out to sea!" because a whale can be seen from shore!

From Langley, follow the main road north along Saratoga Pass and head to Freeland for that rare find at the antique mall. Continue north for a peaceful walk in the lush Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens, then stop in Greenbank at the historic Greenbank Farm and Winery for local wine tasting and a slice of their legendary loganberry pie. A few miles further, you'll reach Coupeville.





ABOVE: SAILBOAT RACING is a popular activity in the waters off Whidbey Island. Photo by Lindy Kortus.

RIGHT: A RELUCTANT CONTESTANT hesitates while the other participants get messy during a loganberry pie eating contest at Greenbank Farm. Photo by RoseAnn Alspektor.

BELOW: IN 2009, GREENBANK FARM was listed as an historic barn and placed on the Washington State Heritage Barn Register but most people come here for the goodies. Photo by RoseAnn Alspektor.



Whidbey Scenic Isle Way

Whidbey Scenic Isle Way was the first set of island highways in Washington designated as a scenic byway. Drive it and you'll get a camera full of postcard moments. Stop a few times and you'll get a weekend's or even a week's worth of memories.



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Coupeville: A taste of Victorian gingerbread

Strolling along the historic wharf and along Front Street in Coupeville, popping in and out of shops and galleries, you'll get a sense of what life was like in the late 19th century in these small island communities. Victorian mansions (many now converted to bed-and-breakfasts), churches and commercial buildings went up and survived, too beautiful to demolish or even remodel. Whidbey and Camano Islands have the highest density of bed-and-breakfast lodges in the state.

Like Langley, Coupeville is a mecca for artists of all stripes: visual, performing and culinary. Its pristine water is also home to Penn Cove Mussels, the mussel of choice for discriminating chefs and specialty retail buyers throughout the world.

Oak Harbor: A diverse history

Heading north up the island, the population gets denser, largely due to the presence of the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station. Originally settled by Native Americans, the Irish and later the Dutch, Oak Harbor dates to the late 19th century. You'll see a full-size traditional windmill just off WA-20 in Windjammer Park. Nestled at the water's edge this much-loved community park boasts historic trails and activities for all ages. Bring your bikes, kayaks, water socks or running shoes as you can have plenty of outdoor and family fun here.

Deception Pass State Park

From Oak Harbor, it's a short drive to the island's northern tip and Deception Pass State Park. With over 4,000 acres, 77,000 feet of saltwater shoreline, three



AREA GOLF COURSES include Camano's Camaloch; Whidbey's Gallery and Holmes Harbor Golf. Photo Courtesy Camaloch Golf Course.



RoseAnn Alspalter

Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve

Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve appears to today's visitors much as it did a century ago, when New England sea captains were drawn to Penn Cove. The reserve contains 17,500 acres, 18 working farms, 400 historical structures, native prairies, two state parks, miles of shoreline, a network of trails and Coupeville, the second-oldest town in Washington. www.nps.gov/ebay

freshwater lakes, 38 miles of hiking trails, an interpretive center and camping, the park has so much to offer that you could easily spend a day here or hold a retreat at Coronet Bay Retreat Center. Campers find that a week is just not enough.

The view from the Deception Pass Bridge is spectacular. You can also view it from below. Take a local boat tour under the bridge and enjoy an exciting and fascinating description of the area.

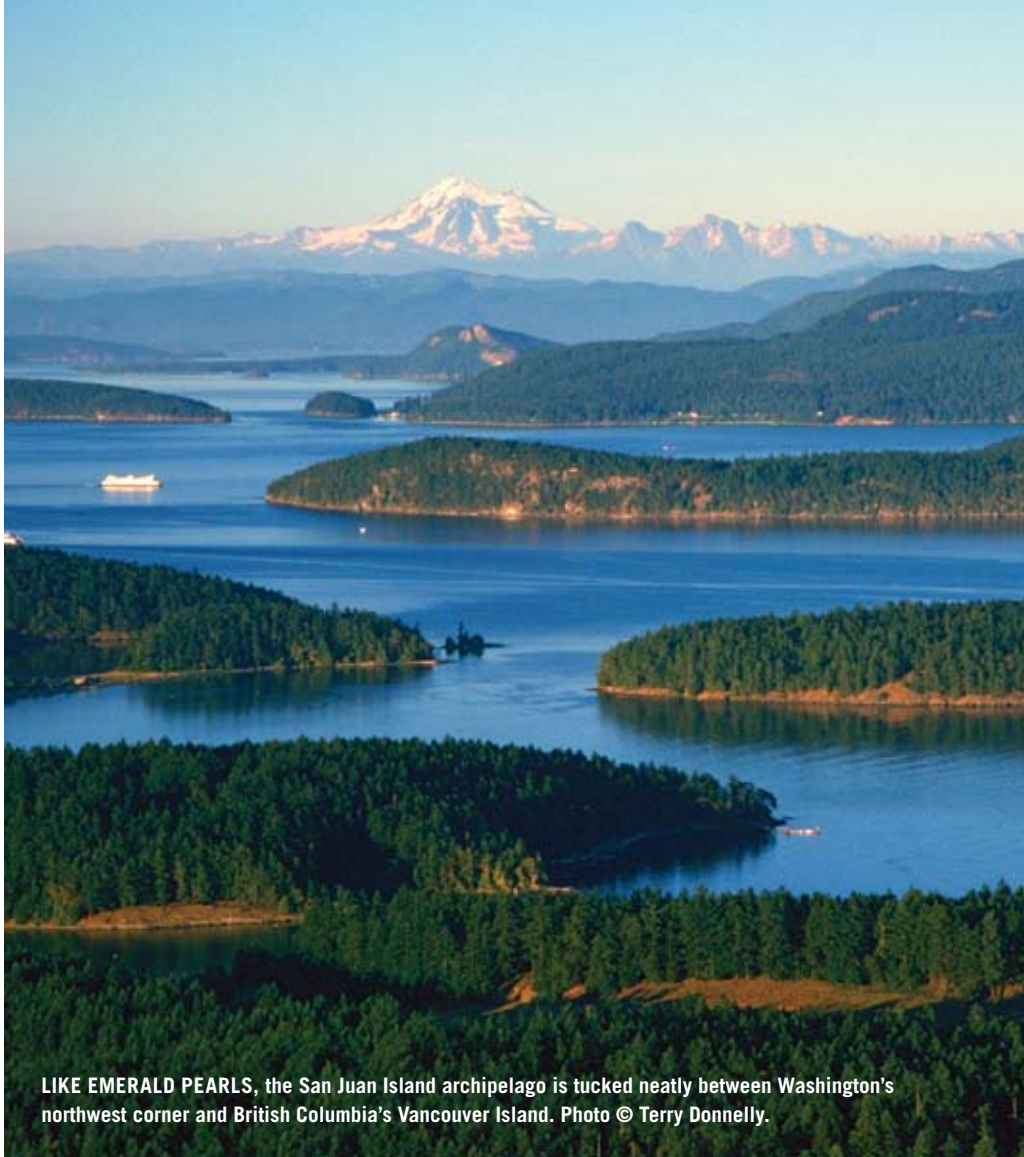
Camano Island and Cama Beach State Park

The unique appeal of Camano Island is that it offers visitors a real-life island experience accessible by bridge. There are a few restaurants, a golf course (the popular Kayak Point), coffee roaster and winery, a handful of country-

style grocery stores, bed-and-breakfast accommodations and intriguing fine art galleries for the lucky few who have discovered Camano Island. Birders will enjoy the magic of migration during the annual February Snow Goose Festival along Port Susan.

Stanwood, the largest community on the island, is a unique town that everyone should experience. Ask a local about the Lutfisk festival; it is an annual tradition. Visit www.camanoisland.org for more information.

Located at the southwest end of the island facing Saratoga Passage, Cama Beach State Park offers visitors a chance to step back in time to a 1930s-era Puget Sound fishing resort complete with waterfront cedar cabins and bungalows. www.parks.wa.gov/camabeach



LIKE EMERALD PEARLS, the San Juan Island archipelago is tucked neatly between Washington's northwest corner and British Columbia's Vancouver Island. Photo © Terry Donnelly.

THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS: Real islands, real close

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The San Juan Islands have been designated the state's newest scenic byway, and for good reason. Each of the islands is distinctively beautiful and uniquely charming. You can hop from one to another by boat or plane, but most visitors arrive aboard a Washington State ferry.

The state ferry system offers regular service from Anacortes to Lopez, Shaw, Orcas and San Juan. (See www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries.) There are accommodations aplenty, but go with reservations.

Lopez is a bicyclist's paradise and a nature lover's dream. The landscape blends bucolic scenes of cattle grazing

on rolling farmlands with shimmering water vistas. Don't forget to wave at the passing motorists—a local custom for many years! There's a genuine spirit of community here and a special feeling for life that pervades the population of artists, craftspeople, musicians, farmers, fisherman, nature lovers and eccentrics.

The "big" islands

Art, activities and agriculture flourish on San Juan and Orcas, the two largest American islands in the San Juan archipelago. Horseshoe-shaped Orcas Island is a magical mix of lush forest, waterfalls, farm valleys, placid lakes and stunning mountains, all wrapped around a beautiful fjord. In Moran State Park,

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CLOCKWISE: A WASHINGTON STATE FERRY glides into the dock in the heart of downtown Friday Harbor. Photo courtesy San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau.

KAYAK TOUR approaches the Lime Kiln State Park lighthouse. Photo by Jason Gunter, Discovery Sea Kayaks.

AN ARTIST IS INSPIRED by the fall scenery found throughout the San Juans. Photo by Robert Demar.



you can drive or hike to the top of Mount Constitution (2,409 feet) for a stunning panoramic view of Vancouver, BC, Bellingham, the Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges, Anacortes and the rest of the San Juans.

Enjoy Friday Harbor

Stay on the ferry to the end of the line and you'll disembark at the town

of Friday Harbor on San Juan Island. A walkable historic seaport, Friday Harbor is filled with water-view restaurants, boutiques and galleries. Take a whale-watching excursion or kayaking tour for a few hours of fun and education.

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Lime Kiln Point State Park

Lime Kiln Point State Park is the place on San Juan Island to watch sunsets and hopefully spot some of the 80-plus orcas who make the waters of Haro Strait their summer home. A walking path leads you to the Lime Kiln Lighthouse where you can check a reader board to see when the whales last passed by.



RESIDENT PODS OF ORCA WHALES frolic playfully in the waters of the San Juans.
Photo courtesy San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau.

Park. These parks commemorate the peaceful resolution of the 1859 "Pig War" crisis, the last boundary dispute between the U.S. and Great Britain.

From Friday Harbor a 20-minute drive leads to Roche Harbor, a seaside village resort. Be sure to check out the Hotel de Haro. The hotel was built in 1886 and listed on the National

Register of Historic Places, and many of its rooms are appointed with period pieces. The marina is a perfect launching point for exploring the local waters by wind, power or paddle. Near Roche Harbor visit the 19-acre Sculpture Park at Westcott Bay Reserve, which contains more than 100 works by noted artists from the Pacific Northwest.

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YOUNG LOVE BLOSSOMS among the tulips in Skagit Valley. Photo by Patrick Bennett.

SKAGIT VALLEY: Play in Washington’s backyard

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Anacortes: Coast in. Hang out.

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antique shops and the historic shopping district. www.anacortes.org

Burlington: Crossroads of the Skagit Valley

Burlington is located at the crossroads of I-5 and WA-20. Whether you are coming from the north, east, south or west, you will find exceptional shopping, services and recreational activities.

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Concrete: Western gateway to the North Cascades

Whether your passion is outdoor adventure or a quiet drive through breathtaking countryside, the tiny town of Concrete is a perfect base. Snowcapped mountains, lush green hills and two rivers

form Concrete’s backdrop. Although shopping is not often the destination activity, just about everything can be found in the many stores, restaurants, accommodations and services. Find out more at www.concrete-wa.com.

La Conner: A natural treasure

Just an hour from Seattle, La Conner appears to pose for a postcard at every angle. With its historical buildings, soaring rainbow bridge, three museums, and colorful downtown assortment of waterfront restaurants, inns, galleries and boutiques, La Conner is a prime destination for a day trip or overnight stay. Soak up the saltwater scents and the sounds as seabirds sweep overhead, or enjoy a conversation with locals over a drink by the channel. www.laconnerchamber.com

Mount Vernon: Thriving agriculture and performing arts

Mount Vernon is a great place to start your adventure in Skagit County. Located on the banks of the Skagit

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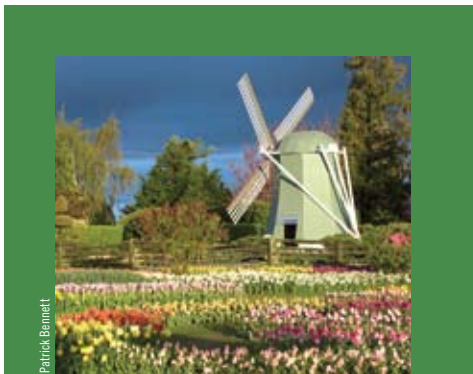
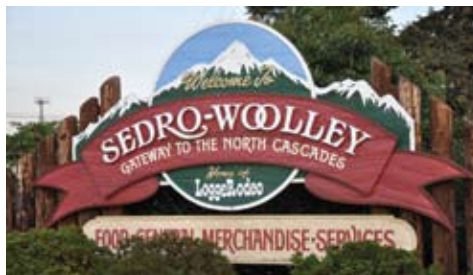
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Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

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www.tulipfestival.org

River, Mount Vernon is the center of the county's booming bulb-growing industry and host city for the annual Skagit Valley Tulip Festival and host of the 2010 World Tulip Summit. Stroll the bustling downtown district for boutique or antique shopping and fine dining. Grab lunch at one of the town's great eateries or enjoy a picnic and a brisk walk or bike ride at Edgewater Park. Catch a performance at the historic Lincoln Theatre or the modern new McIntyre Hall. www.visitmountvernon.com

Sedro-Woolley: A logging legacy

Visiting the historic downtown of Sedro-Woolley is a trip back in time, with brick buildings fronted with comfortable wood benches beneath old-fashioned light poles. Pictured on buildings throughout downtown are painted murals, many inspired by Darius Kinsey, a world-famous photographer of western scenery, logging and railroads. Chainsaw carvings line the streets of downtown, creating a wonderful walking tour.
www.sedro-woolleychamber.com



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: SEDRO-WOOLLEY welcome sign. Photo by Marcus Yearout.

THE LACONNER WATERFRONT. Photo © Terry Donnelly.

A CHAINSAW CARVING of a bald eagle stares at the Clock Tower in downtown Sedro-Woolley. Photo by Marcus Yearout.

LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN MOUNT VERNON, the historic Lincoln Theatre is one Skagit County's premier venues for live entertainment. Photo courtesy the Lincoln Theatre.

NEAR THE SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO CHUCKANUT, the tiny communities of Bow and Edison are filled with surprising discoveries. From Bonnar's Trading Post (pictured) to the excellent Rhododendron Café and a host of artist occupied galleries, you'll find them worth the detour. Photo by Marcus Yearout.



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North Cascades Scenic Byway

From Sedro-Woolley, follow the Skagit River east on SR-20 along the North Cascades Scenic Byway (portions are closed in winter). The drive is spectacular, taking you through roadside communities, past jagged mountain peaks,

waterfalls and three major hydroelectric dams (tours are available in Newhalem). Keep an eye out for the Cascadian Farms roadside stand and grab a fresh organic raspberry shake.

The trails and adventures in North Cascades National Park are boundless. In July and August, the alpine meadows are resplendent with wildflowers. The glacier and mountain views are unparalleled; Ross and Diablo Dam lakes—backwater of the Skagit River combined with glacial flour scrubbed off the surrounding peaks—are so emerald green, you won't believe your eyes. www.cascadeloop.com

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BELLINGHAM: A bay-to-Baker experience

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Located on Bellingham Bay, with Mount Baker and the North Cascades providing a dramatic backdrop, Bellingham is thriving, imaginatively artistic and maintained with care. It bustles with activity and great places to shop and eat.

Explore the museums, particularly the new Whatcom Museum, and diverse cultural scene. Bellingham has the highest number of artists per capita in the nation after Santa Fe, as the many live-music venues and galleries will attest. The Western Washington University campus has a world-famous

outdoor sculpture collection and is worth a stroll.

Bellingham's "Trail Town USA" designation assures that you will find a great trailhead or bike path on nearly every city block and along the waterfront from the downtown marina around the bay to historic Fairhaven.

Fairhaven: History with attitude

Fairhaven was a boomtown in the 1880s. Many of its brick buildings have been preserved, polished and enhanced, and all new construction conforms to the local style of the 19th century. Browse the local bookstores and visit a gallery or pottery shop where the artists are in

residence. Absorb the unpretentious yet intellectually focused soul of the city. Fairhaven is also the southern terminus of the Alaska State Marine Highway System.

Outdoor recreation is plentiful

Tired of historic villages, fine wine and bay-view strolls? Never fear. Eight of the finest golf courses in the state are within a 20-minute drive of downtown. You can hop on a local whale-watching boat and see orcas breaching off nearby Lummi Island. East of downtown is the 17-mile-long Lake Whatcom. The combination of culture and outdoor recreation so near downtown creates a contagious, nearly euphoric state of mind.



THE SUN SETS OVER BELLINGHAM BAY as a kayaker slowly makes his way to shore. Photo courtesy Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism.

Bellingham farmers market

Visit an open-air gathering place where fresh, local produce, baked goods, fresh seafood and fine crafts attract as many as 10,000 visitors a day. The market is open downtown on Saturdays from April to December and in Fairhaven on Wednesdays from June to September. Events and festivals celebrate both organic and conventional farmers along with local artisans. www.bellinghamfarmers.org



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PREVIOUS PAGE, CLOCKWISE: THE WHATCOM MUSEUM OLD CITY HALL overlooks a new public arts sculpture in downtown Bellingham.

FRIENDLY MERCHANTS in the downtown district, freshly grown produce at the local farmer's market and a touch tank on the waterfront provide something for everyone in Bellingham. Flower shop photo by Marcus Yearout; Raspberry Flats Courtesy Bellingham Whatcom Tourism; Touch Tank Courtesy Bellingham Whatcom Tourism.

THIS PAGE AT RIGHT: MOUNT BAKER rises above a meadow of lupine and other wildflowers. Photo © Mary Liz Austin.

On to the Canadian border

A series of enticing routes lies to the north and east of Bellingham. Blaine boasts one of the most modern marinas in the Northwest as well as the International Peace Arch structure that sits astride the Canada-United States border—a tribute to the peaceful coexistence of the two nations. To the east, stop for lunch in the agritourism hub of Lynden; another border crossing is available here. Along the

way, you'll wind through the berry fields, past grazing Clydesdales and small farms.

The road to Mount Baker

Mount Baker, a recreational paradise for skiers, snowboarders and hikers, is just over an hour away from downtown Bellingham. If you have time, meander through small timber trails in Maple Falls and Glacier before a jaunt up to the ski area. Several local restaurants and

brewpubs along the way will surprise and delight you.

Take a five-minute detour on SR-9 and ask the shopkeeper at Everybody's Store in Van Zandt how to find Nooksack Falls; both the store and the waterfall will provide entertaining and worthwhile stops. No matter the time of year, the scenery on the Mount Baker Scenic Byway is spectacular.





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Northwest Washington and the Islands: Did you do it all?

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Orcas Suites at Rosario 1600 Rosario Road, Orcas Island 98245 360-376-6262/866-986-6262 www.orcassuites.com	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	50	•		•	•	•		•
Smuggler's Villa Resort & Condominiums 54 Hunt Rd, East Sound 98245 360-376-2297/800-488-2097 www.smugglersvilla.com	\$\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	21			•	•	•		•
SKAGIT COUNTY									
Anaco Bay Inn 916 33rd Street, Anacortes 98221 360-299-3320/877-299-3320 www.anacobayinn.com	\$\$/\$\$	22		•	•	•			•
Best Western College Way Inn 300 W College Way, Mount Vernon 98273 360-424-4287/800-793-4024 www.bestwestern.com/collegewayinn	\$/\$\$\$	66		•	•	•	•	•	•
Best Western Cotton Tree Inn 2300 Market St, Mount Vernon 98273 800-662-6886 www.bestwesternwashington.com	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	120		•	•	•	•	•	•
Days Inn 2009 Riverside Dr, Mount Vernon 98273 360-424-4141/800-329-7466 www.daysinn.com	\$/\$\$	65	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Hampton Inn & Suites, Burlington 1860 S Burlington Blvd, Burlington 98233 360-757-7100 www.burlingtonsuites.hamptoninn.com	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	102	•	•	•	•	•		•

Hotel/Motel/Resort	Rate (Off-Peak/Peak)	Number of Rooms	Onsite Restaurant	Breakfast Included	Internet/WiFi	Microwave/Fridge	Swimming Pool	Pets Welcome	100% Smoke Free
\$ = Under \$70 \$\$ = \$70-\$120 \$\$\$ = \$120-\$200 \$\$\$\$ = Over \$200									
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, Burlington 900 Andis Road, Burlington 98233 360-755-7338 www.hiexpress.com/burlingtonwa	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	75		•	•	•	•		•
Majestic Inn and Spa 419 Commerical Ave, Anacortes 98221 360-299-1400/877-370-0100 www.majesticinnandspa.com	\$\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	21	•	•		•			•
Skagit Valley Casino Resort 5984 N Darrk Lane, Bow 360-724-7777/877-275-2448 www.theskagit.com	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	103	•		•	•	•		
Tulip Inn 2200 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon 98273 360-428-5969/800-599-5969 www.tulipinn.net	\$/\$\$	40		•	•	•		•	
WHACOM COUNTY									
Bellingham GuestHouse Inn 805 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham 98229 360-671-9600/800-443-7777 www.guesthouseintl.com	\$/\$\$	81		•	•	•		•	•
Best Western Heritage Inn 151 E McLeod Road, Bellingham 98226 360-647-1912/888-333-2080 www.bestwestern.com/heritageinnbellingham	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	91		•	•	•	•	•	•
Best Western Lakeway Inn & Conference Center 714 Lakeway Dr, Bellingham 98229 888-671-1011 www.thelakewayinn.com	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	132	•		•	•	•	•	•
Chrysalis Inn & Spa 804 10th St, Bellingham 98225 360-756-1005/888-808-0005 www.chrysalisinn.com	\$\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	43	•	•	•			•	•
Comfort Inn 4282 Meridian Street, Bellingham 98226 360-738-1100/877-424-6423 www.choicehotels.com/hotel/wa041	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	85		•	•	•	•		•
Fairhaven Village Inn 1200 10th Street, Bellingham 98225 360-733-1311/877-733-1100 www.fairhavenvillageinn.com	\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	22		•	•	•			•
Hampton Inn Bellingham Airport 3985 Bennett Drive, Bellingham 98225 360-676-7700/800-426-7866 www.hamptoninn.com	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	132		•	•	•	•		
Holiday Inn Express Bellingham 4160 Meridian Street, Bellingham 98226 360-671-4800/800-HOLIDAY www.hiexpress.com/bellinghamwa	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	101		•	•	•	•	•	

OPPOSITE: MANY VISITORS TO THE 2010 VANCOUVER GAMES will be greeted by the Peace Arch at the Blaine border crossing. Photo courtesy of Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism.

RIGHT: A POPULAR PHOTO OPPORTUNITY of Mount Shuksan (Baker's baby sister) reflecting in Picture Lake along the Mount Baker Scenic Byway, SR-542—an hour east of Bellingham. Photo courtesy Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism.



Hotel/Motel/Resort									
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Motel 6 5701 Byron, Bellingham 98225 360-671-4494/800-4-MOTEL6 www.motel6.com	\$/\$\$	60			•	•	•	•	
Quality Inn Baron Suites 100 E Kellogg Rd, Bellingham 98226 360-647-8000/800-900-4661 www.baronsuites.com	\$\$/\$\$\$	86		•	•	•	•	•	
Semiahmoo Resort-Golf-Spa 9565 Semiahmoo Parkway, Blaine 360-318-2000/800-770-7992 www.semiahmoo.com	\$\$/\$\$\$	198	•		•	•	•	•	
Silver Reef Hotel Casino Spa 4876 Haxton Way, Ferndale 98248 360-383-0777/866-383-0777 www.silverreefcasino.com	\$\$\$/\$\$\$	105	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Super 8 Ferndale 5788 Barrett Avenue, Bellingham 98248 360-384-8881/800-800-8000 www.super8.com	\$/\$\$	78		•	•	•	•	•	
Windmill Inn 8022 Guide Meridian Rd, Lynden 98264 360-354-3424 www.windmillinnlynden.com	\$/\$\$	15			•	•		•	•
WHIDBEY ISLAND									
Best Western Harbor Plaza 33175 SR 20, Oak Harbor 98277 360-679-4567/800-927-5478 www.bestwestern.com/harborplaza	\$\$/\$\$\$	80		•	•	•	•		•
Candlewood Suites 33221 SR 20, Oak Harbor 98277 360-279-2222/888-226-3539 www.candlewoodsuites.com	\$\$/\$\$\$	80			•	•		•	•
The Coachman Inn 32959 SR 20, Oak Harbor 98277 360-675-0727/800-635-0043 www.thecoachmaninn.com	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	102		•	•	•	•	•	
The Inn at Langley 401 1st Avenue, Langley 98260 360-221-3033 www.innatlangley.com	\$\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	28	•	•	•	•		•	•

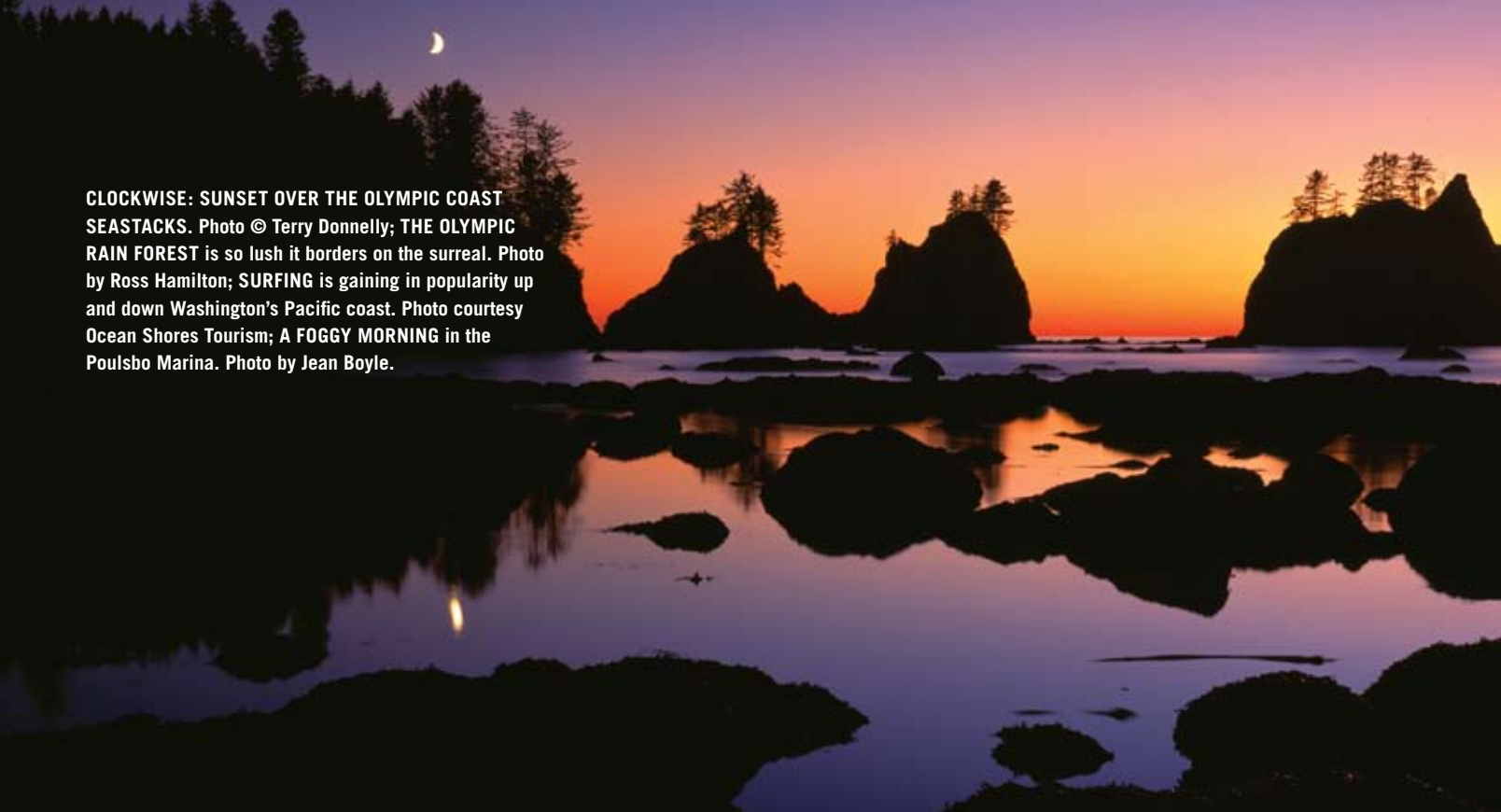
Bed & Breakfast									
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Inn at Barnum Point 464 Barnum Rd, Camano Island 98282 360-387-2256/800-910-2256 www.innatbarnumpoint.com	\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	3		•	•	•	•	•	
Harrison House Suites 235 C Street, Friday Harbor 98250 360-378-3587/800-407-7993 www.harrisonhousesuites.com	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
The Highland Inn of San Juan Island PO Box 135, Friday Harbor 98250 360-378-9450-888-400-9850 www.highlandinn.com	\$\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Orcas Island Lodging Association Orcas Island 866-376-5789 www.orcas-lodging.com	\$\$/\$\$\$\$		•	•	•	•	•		
Trumpeter Inn Bed & Breakfast 318 Trumpeter Way, Friday Harbor 98250 480-202-2782/800-826-7926 www.trumpeterinn.com	\$\$\$/\$\$\$	5		•			•	•	•
Turtleback Farm Inn 1981 Crow Valley Rd, Eastsound 98245 800-376-4914 www.turtlebackinn.com	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	11	•	•	•		•		
Whidbey Island Bed & Breakfast Association PO Box 259, Langley 98260 visit website www.whidbeyislandbandb.com	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	40		•	•	•	•	•	•
The Willows Inn on Lummi Island 2579 West Shore Drive, Lummi Island 98262 360-758-2620/888-294-2620 www.willows-inn.com	\$\$\$/\$\$\$	10	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Vacation Houses & Cabins									
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Cama Beach State Park 1880 S West Camano Drive, Camano Island 360-387-1550 www.parks.wa.gov	-\$-\$\$\$	8	•	•				•	
Cherie L. Lindholm Real Estate PO Box 66 North Beach Rd, Eastsound 98245 360-376-2202 www.orcashomes.com	\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	12	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Doe Bay Resort & Retreat 107 Doe Bay Rd, Olga 98279 360-376-2291 www.doebay.com	\$\$/\$\$\$	150	•	•	•	•		•	•
Horseshu Guest Ranch 131 Gilbert Lane, Friday Harbor 98250 360-378-2298 www.horseshu.com	\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	12	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Mount Baker Lodging 7463 Mt Baker Highway, Glacier 98244-5177 360-599-2453/800-709-7669 www.mtbakerlodging.com	\$\$/\$\$\$\$	12	•	•	•	•		•	•
San Juan Property Management 232 A Street #4, Friday Harbor 98250 360-378-2070/800-742-8210 www.sanjuanpm.com	\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	14	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
San Juan Vacation Rentals 100A First Street, Friday Harbor 98250 360-317-6423 www.vacationrentalsonsanjuanisland.com	\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	17	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Washington State Parks 360-902-8844 www.parks.wa.gov	-\$-\$\$\$	2-8	•	•					
Windermere Vacation Rentals PO Box 488, Friday Harbor 98250 360-378-3601/800-391-8190 www.vacationdoorways.com	\$\$\$/\$\$\$\$	10+	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

RV Park & Campground									
\$ = Under \$20 \$\$ = \$20-\$50 \$\$\$ = Over \$50	Rate (Off-Peak/Peak)	Number of Spaces	Hook-Ups	Dump Station	Showers	Pull-Through	Groceries/Ice	Swimming	Tent Camping
Cedars RV Resort 6335 Portal Way, Ferndale 98229 360-384-2622 www.holidaytrailsresorts.com/thecedars	\$\$/\$\$	167	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Additional Resources	
Adventure Quest Tours PO Box 2424 Friday Harbor, WA 98250 360-378-5767/888-589-4253 www.sea-quest-kayak.com/ adventure-quest-tours	Crystal Seas Kayaking 70 Spring St Friday Harbor, WA 98250 360-378-4223/877-732-7877 www.crystalseas.com
Classic Day Sailing PO Box 275 Deer Harbor, WA 98243 360-376-5581 www.classicdaysails.com	Pelindaba Lavender Farm 33 Hawthorne Lane Friday Harbor, WA 98250 360-378-4248/800-819-1911 www.pelindaba.com
	San Juan Excursions 2 Spring Street Friday Harbor, WA 98250 360-378-6636/800-809-4253 www.watchwhales.com

CLOCKWISE: SUNSET OVER THE OLYMPIC COAST SEASTACKS. Photo © Terry Donnelly; **THE OLYMPIC RAIN FOREST** is so lush it borders on the surreal. Photo by Ross Hamilton; **SURFING** is gaining in popularity up and down Washington's Pacific coast. Photo courtesy Ocean Shores Tourism; **A FOGGY MORNING** in the Poulsbo Marina. Photo by Jean Boyle.





Kitsap/Olympic Peninsulas & The Pacific Coast



Isolated from the “mainland” by Puget Sound, the spectacular Kitsap & Olympic Peninsulas, and the Pacific coastline, are



lands unto themselves. From the 7,980-foot peak of Mount Olympus to the sandy beaches of Long Beach, you’ll find a rich and welcoming experience. Along the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the ancient Makah Tribe welcome you into their culture. Here, you can stand on the most northwesterly point in the contiguous United States.

On the peninsula’s northern end, the coast is rocky, rugged and beautifully ominous. Hike the Hoh Rainforest, recipient of 12 to 14 feet of rainfall annually. The massive swags of moss dangle and sway like ragged banners in a ruined castle. Beware of vampires; the legendary town of Forks is in this “neck” of the woods!

Relax in a hot spring or spend a weekend in the Victorian seaport of Port Townsend.

Cross over to the Kitsap Peninsula and you’ll find a mothballed fleet of navy ships in Bremerton, and some of the world’s best oyster beds and charming communities along the picturesque Hood Canal.

At the coast’s south end you’ll find the Long Beach Peninsula, site of the western terminus of the Lewis and Clark journey, with its historic seaside towns and broad sandy beaches. Kites flutter in the near-steady onshore breezes, and children play, happily covering themselves with the warm, soft sand.

Rent a seaside shanty during a winter storm or choose a historic Northwest lodge where you can cozy up in front of a crackling fire with a good book. This is the place to get away, to escape the hubbub of humanity, to reconnect with nature at its unruly best.



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*Ferry from Seattle or Edmonds: 30 minutes; from
Bremerton: 60 minutes*

To reach the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsulas from Seattle, one of the best options is to catch a Washington State Ferry. This is a truly Washington experience and one of the coolest rides in town so be sure to take advantage of it.

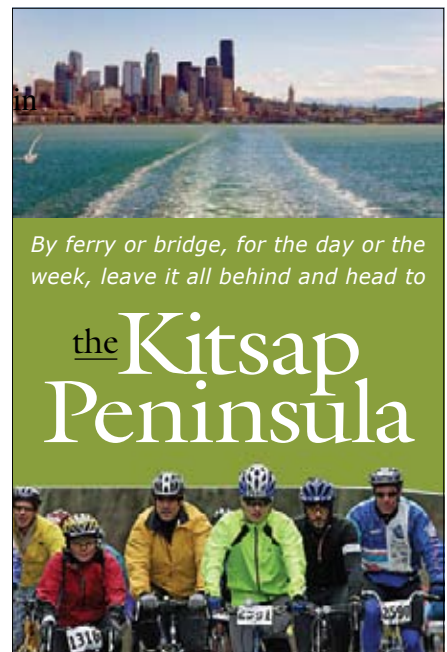
Car ferries leave downtown Seattle for Bainbridge Island (Winslow) and Bremerton, or you can depart from

Edmonds, arriving in Kingston. You can also just get a walk-on ticket and upon arrival amble around these delightful waterfront towns, have lunch and come back.

The view of downtown Seattle from the ferry is unforgettable. Mount Rainer is to the south, the widening mouth of Puget Sound to the north. Vessels of all sizes, even monstrously huge container ships, come and go. Once in awhile a whale makes an appearance. Rain or shine, the cross-Sound journey is all the more exhilarating if you stand out on the deck.

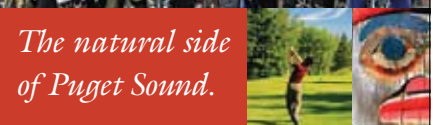
The road to the Kitsap Peninsula and “Little Norway”

If you took the ferry from Seattle to Bainbridge Island, spend some quality “island time” here. Browse galleries, cafes and unique boutiques and shops in Winslow. Take a walking tour of Bainbridge Island’s public art. Drive north on WA-305 to the Bloedel Nature Preserve and on to Poulsbo, known as “Little Norway.” Settled in 1892 by Norwegian loggers, farmers and fishermen, Poulsbo’s quaint and colorful Front Street offers Scandinavian gifts,



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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: SPEND TIME STROLLING through the shops and bakeries in downtown Poulsbo. Photo by Jean Boyle.

TULIPS LINE THE PATH to the marina in Port Orchard. Photo by Jean Boyle.

FRIENDS ENJOY A STROLL through a Bainbridge Island garden. Photo by Audrey Fraggalosch.



Jean Boyle

U.S. Naval Destroyer Museum in Bremerton

Welcome aboard the USS Turner Joy, located at Bremerton Harborside. This restored Vietnam-era destroyer was the first permanent and publicly accessible naval heritage ship attraction in the Pacific Northwest. www.ussturnerjoy.org

galleries, antiques and fine and casual waterfront dining.

Port Gamble: A national historic site

From Poulsbo, head northeast on WA-306 toward the waterfront town of Kingston, but keep an eye out for the cutoff to historic Port Gamble. The village streets of this once-mighty logging town haven't changed much since the 1850s.

The original New England Victorian-style homes have been preserved, along with the town's general store (historical museum is downstairs) and stately church,

and the downtown is alive with boutique shops, annual festivals and events.

Scenic Hood Canal

From Port Gamble, you can take WA-3 south to Silverdale and Bremerton or cross the Hood Canal Bridge over to the Olympic Peninsula and turn south to wind slowly along the scenic western shores of the Hood Canal. This natural glacier-carved fjord runs 63-miles from Port Ludlow along Highway 101 to amazing waterfront playgrounds through towns with odd names like Quilcene,

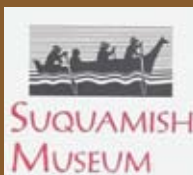
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WHEN YOU GO...

Suquamish Museum

Visit the Suquamish Museum and experience the history and culture of the Kitsap Peninsula's Native People through the exhibits and DVD's which include the Oral traditions of telling the history from one generation to the next.

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www.suquamish.nsn.us



NEARLY SURROUNDED BY WATER, boat tours are available in many Kitsap Peninsula communities and are a great way to experience the sights. Photo by Jean Boyle.

Brinnon, Lilliwaup and Hoodspport then around the to "hook" to Union and Belfair.

All along the way you'll find charming shops and places to stop for fresh seafood, boating, kayaking and camping. This is a place where shrimp, oysters and goeduck outnumber the people! ShrimpFest and OysterFest are spring and fall happenings offering a taste of Washington's saltwater bounty.



Bremerton Harborside: Historic ships and fountain parks

From Belfair, head north on Highway 3 and wind past a row of historic aircraft carriers. Head downtown to Bremerton, the largest city on the Kitsap Peninsula and home of Naval Base Kitsap. Bremerton's Harborside District is lined with museums, art galleries, quaint shops, restaurants and spectacular flying-fish fountains set in family-friendly waterfront parks and plazas.

From Bremerton, you can catch the ferry back to Seattle, or you can head south to explore Port Orchard and Gig Harbor. If you have time, play four award-winning golf courses, all located just minutes from Bremerton and Port Orchard. Or, you can head north to Silverdale for some serious mall shopping and eating.

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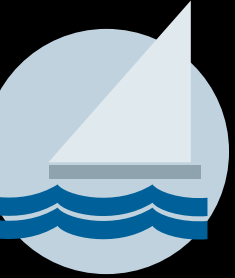
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Ever heard of Ruby Beach, Kalaloch, the Victorian Seaport of Port Townsend, the Sequim Lavender Festival, Hurricane Ridge, the Hood Canal, Cape Flattery or Forks? These places and many more await you on Washington's Olympic Peninsula. The dominant feature of the Peninsula is Olympic National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with nearly one million acres of playground in rain forest valleys, alpine meadows and 60 miles of unmatched wilderness coastline.

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BIKERS CROSS A BOARDWALK built on an old train trestle. Photo by Russ Veenema.

RIGHT: DON'T MISS AN OPPORTUNITY to visit Victorian Port Townsend. Photo by John Marshall.



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From the Kitsap, cross the Hood Canal floating bridge and follow the peninsula north on State Route 20 to the historical seaport of Port Townsend. In 1792 Captain George Vancouver named the city to honor his friend the Marquis of Townshend. By 1851 the city was officially settled and known as the "City of Dreams" because of the hope that "PT," as the locals called it, would become the biggest port on the West Coast. However, plans to build a major railroad line from Tacoma did not materialize, and Port Townsend became frozen in time.

Happily for us today, the grand downtown buildings and the Victorian mansions with gingerbread trim (many of them now bed-and-breakfasts) in

the surrounding blocks survived as evidence of the vastness of mid-19th-century wealth. The entire downtown is designated a U.S. National Historic Landmark District.

An artists' haven, Port Townsend has been called the Mendocino of the Northwest. Walk, shop, eat, soak up the charm of the local galleries and walk some more. Enjoy a picnic on the waterfront or attend a concert at Fort Worden State Park where a World War I blimp hangar has been converted into one of Washington's premier music venues. Annual jazz and blues music festivals are extremely popular and excellent reasons to visit here — but book a room early; they tend to fill up quickly. www.enjoypt.com

Destination Sequim

Following the coast of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, you'll pass through sunny Sequim (pronounced like "swim" with a q). Tucked

in the "rain shadow" of Mount Olympus, this small town is among the driest in the state. Famous for Dungeness crab and lush fields of lavender, this sunny community also sports one-of-a-kind gift shops, murals, antiques, galleries and intriguing restaurants. www.visitsun.com

Visit Dungeness: The granddaddy of sand spits

Curling more than five miles out into the strait, Dungeness Spit is the longest natural sand spit in the United States. It is part of the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge, and you'll see lots of ducks and seabirds, harbor seals and the occasional whale. For the energetic visitor the spit offers a terrific hike out to the Dungeness Lighthouse.

Port Angeles, Center of it all for the Olympic Peninsula.

From Sequim and the Dungeness Spit, continue along U.S. 101 about 15 miles



ABOVE: JUST MINUTES FROM PORT ANGELES Hurricane Ridge in Olympic National Park offers spectacular views and hiking trails. Photo © Terry Donnelly.

LEFT: THE ANNUAL SEQUIM LAVENDER FESTIVAL draws enthusiastic visitors from around the world. Photo by Valerie Henschel.

to Port Angeles. Port Angeles is a lovely blend of vacation destination, retirement community, commercial hub for the area, and provides the best access to Victoria BC via daily ferry runs.

Hike or bicycle along the Olympic Discovery Trail that extends west of town to Ediz Hook and the Coast Guard station or travel east and connect to Sequim. Currently there are nearly 45 miles of paved trail with more added each year. Downtown Port Angeles offers self-guided art, mural and sculpture tours, plus a guided heritage tour offered twice daily. The small town charm and boutique shops along with a variety of dining and lodging options will entice you to stay several days. There are also four wineries just a few minutes from town and a very active event calendar. The famed Hurricane Ridge is just 18 miles south and 5200 feet up from Port Angeles, and Lake Crescent is only 25 minutes to the west. www.portangeles.org

Olympic National Park and Hurricane Ridge

Much of Olympic National Park and the National Forest that surrounds it is designated wilderness. The park alone covers over 1,400 square miles. No roads cross this rugged and pristine block of land, but Hurricane Ridge Road, directly south of downtown Port Angeles, snakes up to the 5,240-foot level. Turnouts along the way offer spectacular views. When you reach road's end, you'll be certain you are on top of the world. The road is open daily in summer, weekends only in winter. Regardless of the season, it's a good idea to check in at park headquarters in Port Angeles. Don't miss this one! www.nps.gov/olym

Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway

Rocky bluffs and sandy beaches along the Strait of Juan de Fuca Highway provide you with countless views, wonderful natural and human history

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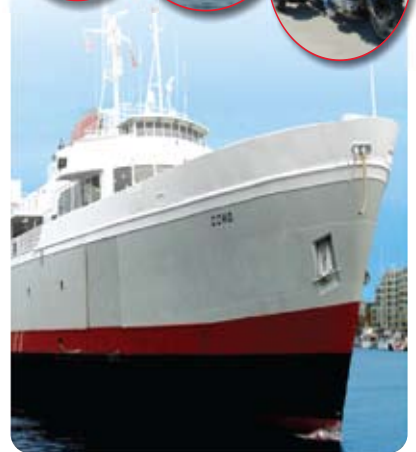
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Intertribal Canoe Journey 2010

The Makah Tribe will be hosting the landing of the Tribal Journeys 2010. Canoes from tribes throughout the Pacific Northwest will converge on Makah shores at Neah Bay on July 19, 2010. This is a unique opportunity to witness songs, dances, wisdom and stories that have been passed down for countless generations. For more information, contact 360-645-3292 or visit www.paddletomakah.org

as well as several unique places to visit. As you near the northwestern tip of the Olympic Peninsula, you'll find Clallam Bay and Sekiu on the way to Neah Bay and Cape Flattery. Fishing is the headline, but these communities also offer great tide pools and have many sweet little hideaways for a few day getaway. Along with great views of Vancouver Island, you may encounter soaring eagles, an occasional gray whale pod, or otters splashing. Walk, bike, boat, or kayak to explore the wild shoreline or forests, fish for salmon, or learn about Native American cultures. www.Sekiu.com

Definitive Northwest: Makah Indian country

About five miles west of Port Angeles—near the Elwha Dam—SR 112 shoots off, following the shoreline all the way to the Makah Indian Reservation and Cape Flattery. The road winds lazily

along the coastline, featuring excellent views of the strait and Vancouver Island off to the north.

You might see whales in the strait, and you are likely to see bald eagles hunting. At the end of the road you enter the Makah Indian country. This northwest tip of the continental United States is the ancient home of the Makah people and continues to provide them with the natural resources that have sustained them for centuries.

The nation's first tribal museum, the Makah Cultural Center is a magnificent repository of indigenous art and artifacts, with a wealth of information on language and customs. Displays include objects uncovered from the nearby Ozette Indian village archaeological dig.. Purchase carvings, basketry and jewelry made by talented Makah artists. A visit to Lake Ozette, the site of the Ozette digs is worth a side trip. A nice boardwalk leads through the forest to strikingly rugged ocean views www.makah.com

Sea stacks and rainforests

Just before you get to the timber town of Forks, WA-110 turns west and goes 17 miles to the coast, following the Sol Duc River to the Quileute Indian reservation and the village of La Push, or to the rugged Rialto Beach in the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. Rialto Beach boasts some of the most awesome views of the Pacific Coast with easy access off Mora Road on the way to La Push.

In La Push, towering sea stacks stand offshore, and the Pacific pounds the coast relentlessly. This is the ancestral home of the Quileute tribe, which maintains a nice lodging complex on the beach.

While in La Push you should plan time to loiter at First, Second or Third Beach. You can hike and backpack along this wild, pristine coastline for days at a time. Keep your eye on the ocean for spouts and movement; this is a gray-whale migration route between March and May.

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FORKS: *Twilight* country!

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Back on U.S. 101 and two miles south you're in Forks, population 3,120. Made famous by Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight* series and the motion pictures, Forks is enjoying a lot more than 15 minutes of fame. Fans from all

over the world are flocking to Forks, especially when the moon is full, hoping to spot a young, beautiful vampire. The town has embraced the story, designating "character points" and offering tour maps and merchandise to delight visiting fans.

When you're not chasing vampires you'll find many restaurants, lodges, shops and services in this friendly rural community. The Timber

Museum is worth a stop to get a sense of life here when logging was king. Forks is a great hub for exploration of the beaches at La Push and the Hoh Rain Forest. Hiking and biking trails are plentiful; find the nearest trailhead by visiting the local visitor center. www.forkswa.com

Rain forests beyond compare

Twelve miles south of Forks, a secondary road turns east following



FAR LEFT: SEASTACKS dot the shoreline along the North Olympic Peninsula. Photo courtesy Grays Harbor Tourism.

ABOVE: THE LUSH FLOOR and moss draped cedars of the Hoh Rain forest. Photo © Mary Liz Austin.

RIGHT: TWILIGHT FANS create a memory from their visit to Forks. Photo by Chris Cook.

the Hoh River into the Hoh Rain Forest for 19 miles to a trailhead. This is one of the few, and one of the largest, temperate rain forests in the world. The valley receives 12 to 14 feet of rainfall annually.

In the nearby Quinault Rain Forest, you'll encounter limbs of massive spruce, hemlock, fir, cedar and big-leaf maple trees. The peninsula's rain forests simply must be seen to be believed.



THE LITTLE-KNOWN PACIFIC NORTHWEST COAST

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Along the Pacific coast on U.S. 101 south from Forks, you'll pass several beaches, all well worth a visit. If peace and introspective relaxation are your travel objectives, you've come to the perfect place. Kalaloch, with its beautiful lodge, is perhaps the most popular. Large rock formations stand out in the water, and piles of timber-size drift logs have been tossed like toothpicks by the sea and deposited on the beach in towering piles.

Following U.S. 101 you'll want to pull over for lunch or a cup of tea and enjoy the ambiance of the historic Lake Quinault Lodge, located in the "Valley of the Rain Forest Giants." Large herds

of Roosevelt elk can often be spotted in the grassy meadows, and the world's largest Sitka spruce (nearly 59 feet in circumference and almost 1,000 years old) is waiting patiently nearby for a photo with you.

Ocean Shores to Pacific Beach

Continuing south, U.S. 101 intersects with WA-109 near the town of Hoquiam along Grays Harbor. State Route 109 hooks west, then north, up and around the harbor to a string of seaside towns: Ocean Shores, Copalis Beach, Pacific Beach and Moclipis, ending in the village of Taholah on the Quinault Indian reservation.

If you want to spend a couple of days or more on an exquisitely beautiful stretch of little-known Pacific Northwest coast, this is the place. Beaches are wide and sandy, cliffs soar high, forests are thick and pungently fragrant, and, best of all, the area is sparsely populated. This

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LAKE QUINAULT LODGE in Grays Harbor County is a perfect place to relax and explore the surrounding rain forest and waterfalls. Photo by Debi Tracy.

is about a 50-mile, two-hour round trip, not counting the frequent stops you'll make to soak in the sea mist and wild, unspoiled shoreline.

This area, like many along the coast, is popular with people who like to settle into a resort or lodge for a winter weekend in the hope of catching a good winter storm or two. Winter storm weekend essentials include rain gear, sturdy shoes, good books, the skill to keep a fireplace blazing, knitting or some other project, and Scrabble.

Back to the incredible journey

Returning to Grays Harbor on U.S. 101, you'll enter Hoquiam and Aberdeen. Many of the visitor opportunities

available in these "twin" cities relate to the heritage of timber and the sea. Take a cruise aboard Washington State's official tall ship, the Lady Washington, a historical reproduction of the ship that Captain Robert Gray used on his first explorations of the West Coast. Get schedule information at www.historicalseaport.org. Visit some of the majestic homes once owned by timber barons that are now available for viewing on walking tours.

From Aberdeen, take U.S. 101 south 25 miles to Raymond, or, if time permits, head west on State Route 105 around Grays Harbor to visit the historic fishing village of Westport www.westportwa.com and its maritime museum, which details



Audrey Fragalisch.

Ocean Shores Turns 50

Boomers may recall television ads featuring movie and singing star Pat Boone promoting a new ocean front resort in some far away place called Ocean Shores. That was 50 years ago! Today, Ocean Shores is thriving and attracting beachcombers, golfers, kite flyers, clammers and casino gamers who are drawn here each year to enjoy the slow pace and wonderful beach access. www.washingtonscoast.com

the area's rich fishing and timber history. Salmon charters continue to be a popular activity here.

Winding south along the coastline

Hugging the coastline going south toward Raymond, you'll pass through Grayland—don't miss the cranberry bogs—North Cove and Tokeland at the north end of Willapa Bay. A stop at the Tokeland Hotel is a must. All of these are little coastal towns, delightful to poke around in and as authentic and enchanting as the small ranch towns on the east side of Washington. This route doubles the mileage and time from Aberdeen to Raymond but rewards you with remarkable, unspoiled beaches.

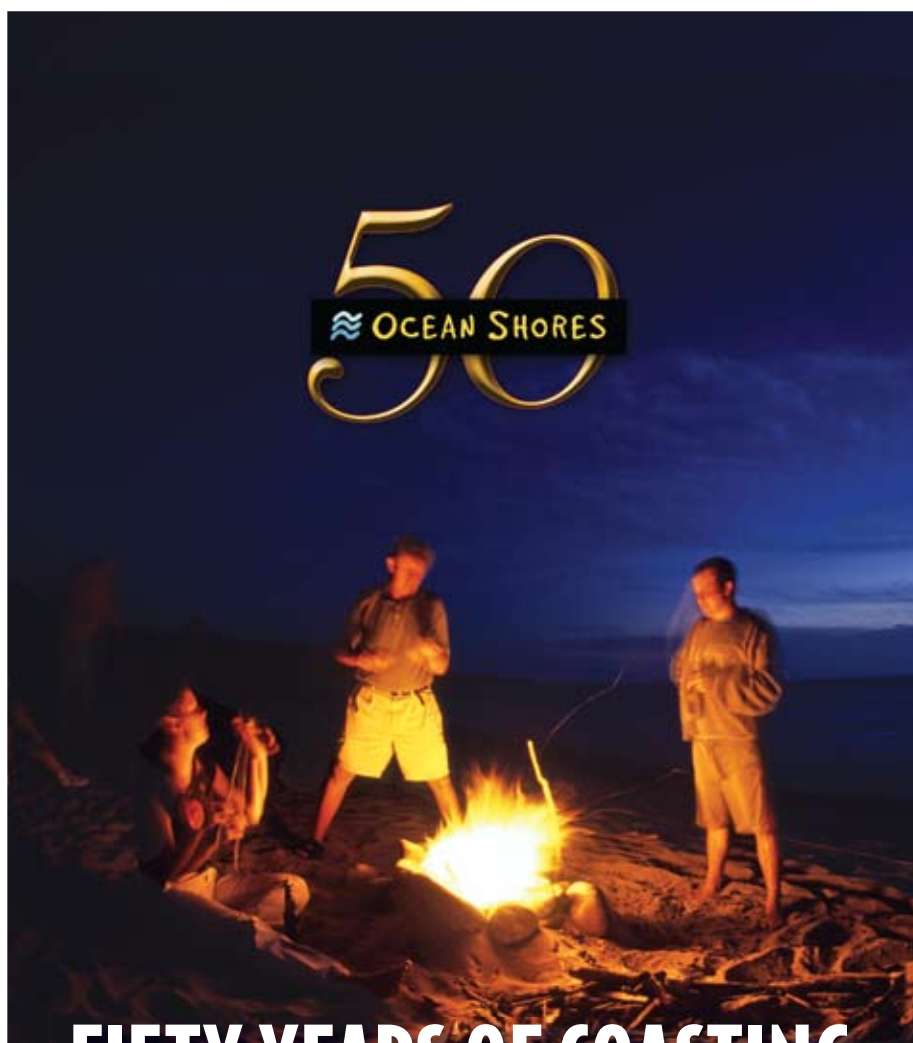
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ENTERING WILLAPA BAY COUNTRY

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Beginning south of Grayland, follow Willapa Bay toward Raymond and South Bend. Both are local gems. Raymond is a historical rural community at the mouth of the Willapa River. Find more than 200 life-sized steel sculptures of people and wildlife along Highway 101 and throughout downtown. Starting near the Northwest Carriage Museum with its remarkable display of impeccably restored Victoria-era, horse-drawn carriages (at Highways 101 and 6), the pedestrian-friendly, five-mile-long Willapa River Trail connects Raymond to South Bend, a pioneer logging community and quiet bayside town.

Called the Oyster Capital of the World, South Bend is home to the

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OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: CHASING WAVES, building sand castles and beachcombing are all part of the family tradition at Long Beach. Photo by Audrey Fraggalosch.

LEFT AND OPPOSITE PAGE: THE ANNUAL KITE FESTIVAL is just one of the many events that lure thousands of visitors to Long Beach each year. Photo courtesy Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau.

ABOVE: BE SURE TO VISIT the unique Northwest Carriage Museum in Raymond. Photo courtesy Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau.

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STORM WATCHING is a great reason to visit the beach in winter. Photo courtesy Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau.

Pacific County Historical Society and Museum. Nearby Menlo is the final resting place for Willie Kiel, the 19-year-old boy whose body was transported from Missouri to Washington in 1855, fulfilling a promise made to the dying boy by his father to let him lead the wagons west.

Continuing along the bay toward the Long Beach Peninsula, pull over at the headquarters for the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge. Here, take the winding trail over restored salmon streams while searching out student-created artwork which includes— 25 bronze amphibians, a stone sedge, steel bird feathers and more.

Willapa Bay and the Long Beach Peninsula

Like other coastal gems, Willapa Bay and the Long Beach Peninsula are well worth a week; some would argue a lifetime. Artists, intellectuals, culinary

enthusiasts and retirees have all come here, turning this area into a place nearly as stimulating culturally as it is breathtakingly beautiful.

The peninsula is 28 miles long, only a mile and a half at its widest point, and is capped by Leadbetter Point, a section of the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge and protected nesting grounds for snowy plover. Hike through grassy dunes and moss-laden old-growth forest. Comb the wide, 20-mile sandy beach. Kayak, ride on horseback, eat just-caught seafood, fly kites and breathe deeply the clean, cool air off the ocean.

Salmon, sturgeon, tuna, oysters, clams and crab from the rich waters of the wild Pacific and shallow bay have lured big-city chefs and others in search of exceptional food. Seafood markets and canneries complement a mix of gourmet and family-friendly restaurants. Cranberry harvest is celebrated in October, as are ever-delectable wild mushrooms.

“Ocean in view! O the joy!”

This exclamation from the journal of Captain William Clark signaled the end of the Corps of Discovery’s voyage west upon reaching the mouth of the Columbia River, near the peninsula’s present town of Chinook, in November 1805. The recent Lewis and Clark bicentennial sparked the creation of the nation’s newest national park and new permanent exhibits at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center in Cape Disappointment State Park. An 8.5-mile paved, pedestrian and bike-friendly trail stretching from Ilwaco over the Cape Disappointment headlands to Beards Hollow and through the dunes to the town of Long Beach was also completed.

Just 51 years after Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery explored the area, Cape Disappointment Lighthouse began signaling to ships navigating “the graveyard of the Pacific.” Because the waters were so treacherous, a second



FOR GENERATIONS before the pioneer settlers arrived, Chinook Indians gathered oysters in this part of Willapa Bay and camped in the area that is now Oysterville. When you visit Oysterville, stop by the Church (pictured) to pick a copy of your walking tour of the Historic District. Photo courtesy Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau.

lighthouse, North Head, began operating in 1898. Both are still in use, and tours to the top of North Head afford spectacular views of the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean.

Retrace the Corps' steps on the Discovery Trail. Shop the galleries lining the marina at the Port of Ilwaco. Admire the Victorian homes of Seaview. Explore all things kite at the World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame. Walk the one-half-mile-long boardwalk in Long Beach. Venture further up the peninsula to Ocean Park, Nahcotta and the well-preserved village of Oysterville. Take time to learn the unique history and charms of each. Discovery awaits!

Heading back

On the way back, you'll have time to take personal inventory. Just what have you experienced? Yes, this is a land of extremes: glacier-clad mountains, crystal lakes and rushing rivers, primeval forests, sandy beaches, animal life, raging seas, soaring cliffs, interesting people, clouds, rain, sunshine and wind. And let's not forget those vampire-infested rain forests!

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: WHITE WATER RAFTING near White Salmon. Photo by Marcus Yearout; Even though its namesake never actually lived here, the US GRANT HOUSE sits proudly on officers row at Fort Vancouver. Photo by Marcus Yearout; SUNSET BEHIND Mount St. Helens. Photo by iStock; PERHAPS THE NATION'S MOST spectacular wind surfing and kite boarding areas are here in the Columbia River Gorge. Photo by Patrick Bennett.





Mount St. Helens, Vancouver & The Columbia River Gorge

Nowhere on earth is the power of nature more evident than here. Looking out over the destruction wrought by Mount St.



Helens and the recovering landscape with its emerging vegetation, seeing the glaciers of Mount Adams, or exploring the verdant depths of the Columbia River Gorge, you are likely to feel an almost liberating sense of insignificance.

The area is a treasure trove of natural and human history. The Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum presents a glimpse of the 40 million years of natural history that created the gorge; at Columbia Hills State Park you can see petroglyphs by local indigenous people dating back 3,000 years.

In Vancouver National Historic Reserve you step into the early 19th century, when British and American traders amassed

goods for eastern American and European consumers. In the city of Vancouver enjoy outdoor sculpture and the views

across the mouth of the Columbia River and into Oregon as you amble along the north bank.

Along the gorge, spend the night in a grand lodge in old-growth forest or tuck in at a local B&B. Try some samples at one of the growing number of excellent wineries. Drive to Windy Ridge to see Mount St. Helens and Spirit Lake. Stop at the Maryhill Museum of Art to see a hefty collection of work by Rodin, and then head over to the nearby replica of Stonehenge. Gaze at the stars through near-cloudless skies at the Goldendale Observatory.

Throughout this part of Washington it is no cliché to say, expect the unexpected!

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ACCESSIBLE MOUNT ST. HELENS

► LOCAL EXPERTS:

Cowlitz County Tourism
360-577-3137 / www.visitmtsthelens.com

From Seattle, take I-5 south. Distance to Mount St. Helens is 150 miles and approximate drive time is 2.5 hours one way.

For centuries in the Pacific Northwest, Mount St. Helens was a major landmark, quite worthy of note. But with its big sisters, Mount Rainier and Mount Adams, so nearby, she was never the most talked-about volcanic peak in Washington. All that changed on May 18, 1980, when months of rumbling and steaming ended in a blast that took 1,300 feet off the mountain, blackened the skies over the Northwest and covered the land with ash, making St. Helens the talk of the world.

There are a wide variety of opportunities for you to see this natural wonder up close and personal. If you are

planning a day trip, the best option from the Seattle area is to head south on I-5 and then east on SR-505 at Toledo or SR-504 from Castle Rock. Set aside a full day to meander along SR-504, ending at the Johnston Ridge Observatory. This is an astounding sight. The land was scorched and scoured, and the debris of charred timber, massive amounts of it, piled up in every direction.

Observatory staff members offer a variety of formal talks and guided hikes. There's a 10,000-square-foot exhibit hall and a presentation in the 280-seat theater that makes you feel as if you were there when the mountain erupted. www.visitmtsthelens.com

Many routes lead to the crater

Longview and Kelso are both excellent locations from which to plan your

exploration of the mountain. Lodging and good restaurants are plentiful.

A thrilling way to explore the crater and surrounding countryside is by arranging a helicopter tour at the Hoffstadt Bluffs Visitor Center. If you've got a little more time, plan a two- or three-day excursion to the east side of the volcano and the Windy Ridge viewpoint. While much of this entry point is closed in winter, it is worth planning a spring or summer trip for the experience.

You will encounter a standing dead forest—trees that were unable to burn due to the lack of oxygen during the blast. You'll see the full impact of the mudflow that has covered the once lush forest floor with 400 feet of silt. A park ranger will describe how the blast lifted the entire contents of Spirit Lake 600 feet



Water Resources Education Center

The Water Resources Education Center teaches people of all ages about water resources and includes hands-on activities in the Exhibit Hall, artwork in the White Sturgeon Art Gallery, live sturgeon in a 350-gallon aquarium and a panoramic view of the Columbia River.

Southwest Washington Convention & Visitors Bureau



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: A CARPET OF DWARF LUPINE glisten in the sunrise over Mount St. Helens. Photo by Mary Liz Austin.

EACH HOUR when the Clocktower at Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver chimes, the story of the lifecycle of the salmon is presented. Photo by Marcus Yearout.

THE WATERFRONT WALK in Vancouver combines great Columbia River and wildlife viewing with public art, the historic Kaiser shipyard site and some nice dining options. Photo by Marcus Yearout.

into the air before letting it fall back to earth; it is now twice its original surface area and half its original depth.

You can reach Windy Ridge from the north through Randle on SR-12, or from the south from the Columbia River Gorge at Carson near Stevenson. A glance at a Washington State highway map will reveal several excellent loop tours of differing lengths to fit your schedule; all are spectacular and memorable.

WASHINGTON STATE'S VANCOUVER

➤ LOCAL EXPERTS:

Vancouver & Southwest Washington Visitors Bureau
360-750-1553 / www.SouthwestWashington.com

Located on the Columbia River, Vancouver offers a blend of waterfront activity and historical adventure. The tree-lined downtown is bustling with

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Pearson Air Museum

Pearson Air Museum at Fort Vancouver National Site is an opportunity to experience the “Golden Age” of aviation. Located on the oldest continuously operating airfield in the U.S., you’ll enter a world of wild barnstorming, experimental aircraft, and aces of World War I and II. 360-694-7026, www.fortvan.org

distinctive eateries, art galleries and a wide variety of retail shopping from charming boutiques to antiques.

Ongoing neighborhood efforts to revitalize the downtown one block at a time have created a walkable and very enjoyable district, with Esther Short Park forming its courtyard.

Esther Short Park

In the heart of downtown, Esther Short Park features towering trees, paved walkways, a gazebo, a rose garden, bronze sculptures, a playground and a water feature for the kids. The 69-foot Salmon Run Bell Tower and glockenspiel chimes several times daily and tells a legend of the Chinook salmon.

Summer concerts in the park’s bandstand and a seasonal farmers’ market on neighboring streets make it a hub of the downtown district’s festive activity.

CLOCKWISE: OLD FORT VANCOUVER dates back to the days when the Hudson’s Bay Company set up fur trading operations here. The blockhouse and several excellent and entertaining interpretive exhibits are presented by US Park Rangers. Photos by Marcus Yearout.

THE FOUNTAIN AND WADING POOL at Esther Short Park are popular with kids of all ages during hot summer days. Photo by Marcus Yearout.



From the 19th century to the modern waterfront

Vancouver’s Columbia River waterfront is one of the highlights of the city. You can walk there from the Vancouver National Historic Reserve on a new 40-foot-wide pedestrian bridge that swirls over SR-14 down to the waterfront and Old Apple Tree Park.

Walk the waterfront to watch the boat and waterfowl traffic on the Columbia. Stop for a bite to eat at one of the local restaurants and stroll along the walkway that is liberally set with large outdoor sculptures. The bridge you see spanning the Columbia leads directly to Portland, Oregon.

Climb Kaiser Tower to get a great river view along with an interpretive exhibit detailing shipbuilding that occurred on this waterfront to support the World War II effort.

Vancouver National Historic Reserve

Not far from the center of town, if you blink you’ll swear you just passed through a time warp to pre-Civil War America. Stately Victorian homes and officers’ quarters once occupied by the likes of U. S. Grant, orderly barracks and a dormant military hospital form the outline of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve.

Special events like Living History on the Row and Friday night ghost walks provide an absolutely perfect way to experience the essence of this place. The hospital takes on a “Cuckoo’s Nest” sort of eeriness at sundown if you’re in a macabre state of mind. Call 360-696-8478 for details.

Also on the park grounds you can visit a Hudson’s Bay Company fort. From 1825 to 1849, Fort Vancouver was the major fur-trading post and

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Columbia Gorge Riverside Lodge
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Lewis & Clark RV Park
North Bonneville, 509-427-4630

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Timberlake Campground & RV Park
Home Valley,
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and visit the
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ABOVE: DOWNTOWN CAMAS features several unique boutique shops and eateries. Photo by Marcus Yearout.



regional headquarters for the Hudson's Bay Company. Today it contains several buildings featuring fun and informative interpretive talks by U.S. Parks staff about life in the mid-19th-century fur-trading center. www.fortvan.org

century street lamps adorned with huge flower baskets. Gardens and bronze sculptures dot the sidewalks; boutique shops, diners, a vintage movie theatre and a historic hotel make this a great place to spend a couple of days exploring the western end of the gorge.

Pendleton Woolen Mills

The Columbia River has always been a thriving trade route. At Washougal, Pendleton Woolen Mills gives the visitor some modern-day insight into the trade of the 19th century. On free tours of the mill, you can see how Pendleton's handsome trade blankets are made as they progress from the dyeing house through the spinning and weaving process. The distinctive designs were crafted to appeal to area tribes, which took the blankets in trade for furs and other goods. www.pendleton-usa.com



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The Columbia River Gorge

The amazing Columbia River Gorge is the only sea-level passage through the Cascade mountain range and offers travelers several glimpses of this country as Lewis and Clark saw it 200 years ago. The splendor is evident as you leave Vancouver; look out and down on the rugged and beautiful gorge as you go east on WA-14.

Since the Dalles Dam inundated Celilo Falls in the 1950s, windsurfing has replaced the tribal fisheries here, but several 3,000-year-old pictographs at Columbia Hills State Park near the Dalles remind visitors of the rich culture that once inhabited these shores.

Adorable downtown Camas

Just a few miles east of Vancouver on SR-14, be sure to pull off into downtown Camas. The tree-lined downtown is accented with 19th-

UPRIVER TOWARD STEVENSON

➤ LOCAL EXPERTS:

Skamania County Chamber of Commerce
(509) 427-8911 / www.skamania.org

From Camas, swing in to visit the Pendleton Woolen Mills in Washougal, then continue east toward Stevenson. Pull over at the Cape Horn viewpoint and again at Beacon Rock with Hamilton Mountain in the background. This scenery was noted in the Lewis and Clark journals and looks much the same today as it did 200 years ago when the Corps of Discovery passed this way.

Bonneville Dam, an impressive sight and photo op, sits adjacent to the Fort Cascades interpretive site providing a quick blend of 19th- and 20th-century history.



OPPOSITE: SITTING ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER, downtown Stevenson is only a couple of blocks long, but manages to pack a lot of activity into a tiny space. Besides the river access, this is also a great jumping off point to the eastern slopes of Mount St. Helens and the Windy Ridge observatory. Photo courtesy Stevenson Business Association.

ABOVE: A STURGEON FISHERMAN enjoys the sunrise just outside of Stevenson on the banks of the Columbia. Photo by Peter Marbach.

In Stevenson, you'll definitely want to visit the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum. It's quite a stretch to cover the last 40 million years, but this center does it beautifully. Watch a recreation of the cataclysmic formation of the gorge in the Creation Theatre. The logo of the museum is a petroglyph: *Tsagaglalal* (She Who Watches). One of the best examples of aboriginal art in the United States, she continues to look out over the gorge from a basalt cliff at Columbia Hills State Park.

www.columbiagorge.org

Skamania Lodge and golf course is located here, and you'll also find a nice riverfront walking trail, several locally owned diners and maybe even a pint of handcrafted ale at the Walking Man brewing company.

A few minutes east of Stevenson, in Carson, you can head north along the Wind River to reach Windy Ridge, perhaps the most dynamic view of the Mount St. Helens crater available

anywhere. This is about a six-hour round trip, but it rewards you with excellent viewpoints of St. Helens and Mount Adams. You'll encounter several mountain bikers on USFS-90 enjoying the trails and the mist from the magnificent falls along this route.

WHITE SALMON AND BINGEN

➤ LOCAL EXPERTS:

Mount Adams Chamber of Commerce
(509) 493-3630 / www.mtadamschamber.com

Twenty minutes east of Stevenson, you enter the part of the gorge where windsurfing and kiteboarding reign supreme. Pull over at Solstice for a stone-baked pizza, and for an insider's perspective, grab one of the local newspapers dedicated to the river sports crowd.

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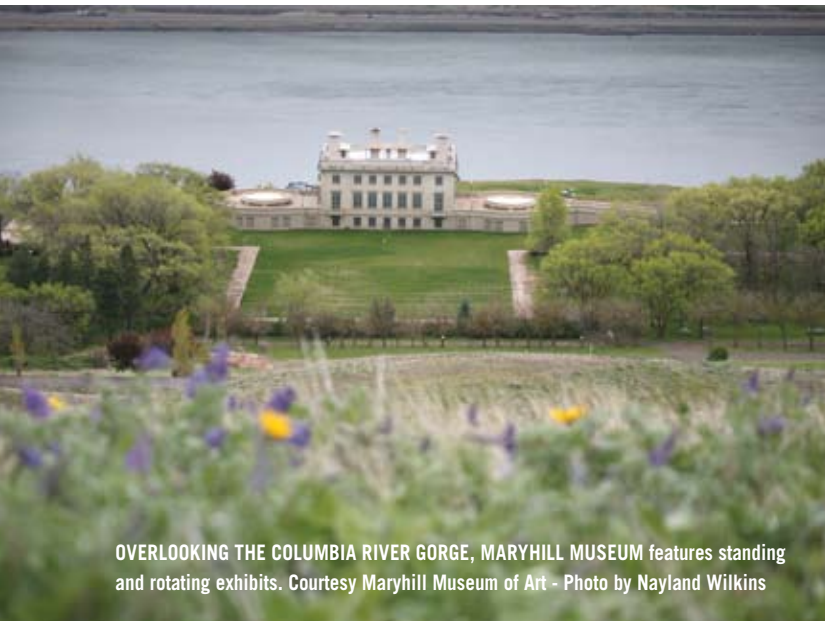
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Goldendale, WA 98620
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OVERLOOKING THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE, MARYHILL MUSEUM features standing and rotating exhibits. Courtesy Maryhill Museum of Art - Photo by Nayland Wilkins



infusion of good jobs and talented workers from Insitu—an unmanned-aircraft systems company—the historic main street is alive with diners, shops and a nice blown-glass studio with wine-tasting parlor. You can watch artisans mold lumps of silica into beautiful shapes while enjoying a sip of a local varietal or head down the street to a great new brewpub.

The soil and climate conditions here have attracted the attention of grape growers and winemakers from around the world. From what we tasted, there is good reason. We visited Wind River, Syncline, Cor Cellars and Maryhill Winery and were impressed with the consistent quality of the wine as well as the knowledge and enthusiasm of the growers and vintners we met.

Glacier-fed rivers with severe vertical drops make white-water rafting and kayaking on the White Salmon River some of the most challenging in the state. But never fear, Wet Planet and other local outfitters offer training sessions for young and old alike to make sure you're ready for the adventure.

For a slower pace, a trail ride through the gorgeous mountain country to scenic viewpoints and across small babbling brooks will fill the bill nicely.

Maryhill Museum and the Stonehenge Memorial

Just beyond Wishram, on WA-14 just west of US-97, visit Maryhill Museum of Art and the Stonehenge Memorial both built by Sam Hill, an eccentric tycoon, rail and road builder. The grand Beaux Arts mansion, with sweeping views of the Columbia, was dedicated in 1926 by Hill's friend, Queen Marie of Romania, who also contributed to the museum royal furniture and the elaborate gown she wore to the coronation of Russian Tsar Nicholas II in 1896.

The Museum opened 1940 and in 2010 will celebrate its 70th anniversary with special exhibits and programs. You'll find a large collection of sculptures by Rodin, European and American paintings, along with remarkable baskets, beadwork and artifacts from Pacific Northwest and North American Tribes.

Three miles down the road is Hill's Stonehenge Memorial – a full-size replica of England's Neolithic Stonehenge, built to memorialize local soldiers lost in WWI.

THE CLIMB TO GOLDENDALE

➤ LOCAL EXPERTS:

Goldendale Chamber of Commerce
509-773-3400 / www.goldendalechamber.org

From the Columbia River, climb out of the gorge past whirring wind generator towers to Goldendale. Few towns are as aptly named as Goldendale. Golden rolling hills backed by blue skies surround you. This quiet, isolated community is a great stop due to its proximity to the gorge and the direct route over Satus Pass to the Yakima Valley via U.S. 97 or to the Tri-Cities along WA-14. Enjoy bountiful fishing, hunting, hiking and cycling, as well as snowmobiling or cross-country skiing in winter. Birdwatchers flock here each spring and use Goldendale as a home



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: DOWNTOWN WHITE SALMON provides a nice detour uphill from Bingen. Visit the unique glass-blowing studio / wine tasting bar in the center of town. Photo by Marcus Yearout.

THE PRESBY MANSION now serves as the regional museum featuring artifacts and interpretive displays about the area's native people and early settlers. Photo courtesy Goldendale Chamber.

ON A GRASSY BLUFF overlooking the Columbia River near Maryhill Museum, you'll find a full-size replica Stonehenge. It was built by road-builder Sam Hill as a memorial to those who died in World War I and has since been expanded to honor veterans of WWII, Korea and Viet Nam. Photo by Marcus Yearout.

VIEW OF THE VINEYARDS and Columbia River from the deck at the Maryhill Winery. Photo by Marcus Yearout.

WIND TURBINES rise gracefully above the ridge leading from the Columbia River Gorge to Goldendale and turn the wind's energy into electricity. Photo by Marcus Yearout.

SOME OF THE OLDEST PICTOGRAPHS and petroglyphs in the northwest are found in Columbia Hills State Park near Wishram. Artifacts associated with local tribes can also be seen at the nearby Maryhill Museum of Art and the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center in Stevenson. Photo by MarcusYearout.

general public with programs designed to educate the novice as well as the experienced stargazer.
www.parks.wa.gov/parks

base to observe the bluebird migration and attend the annual Bluebird Festival in nearby Bickleton, the self-proclaimed "bluebird capital of the world."

For a historical perspective, visit the Presby Museum one block off Main Street. Downtown, several 19th- and early 20th-century buildings are excellent

examples of architecture common to the communities of south central Washington.
www.goldendalechamber.org

Lodging and family dining are readily available in town. Don't miss the Goldendale Observatory, just north of town. This unique facility, managed by Washington State Parks, caters to the

Where to Stay

Hotel/Motel/Resort	Rate (Off-Peak/Peak)	Number of Rooms	Onsite Restaurant	Breakfast Included	Internet/WiFi	Microwave/Fridge	Swimming Pool	Pets Welcome	100% Smoke Free
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Washington State Parks 360-902-8844 www.parks.wa.gov	\$/\$\$\$\$	6	•	•					

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	Rate (Off-Peak/Peak)	Number of Spaces	Hook-Ups	Dump Station	Showers	Pull-Through	Groceries/Ice	Swimming	Tent Camping
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Toutle River RV Resort 150 Happy Trails, Castle Rock 98611 360-274-8373 www.greatrvresort.com	\$	306	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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www.alladventuresrafting.com

CLOCKWISE: SPRING DAISIES bloom under the gaze of towering Mount Cashmere. Photo by Ben Ellis; VIEW OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER through the Coulee Corridor. Photo courtesy Grant County Tourism; DOWNTOWN WINTHROP facades by Marcus Yearout; THE ANNUAL ELLENSBERG RODEO, held each Labor Day weekend, draws competitors and fans from around the world. Photo by Molly Morrow.





North Central Washington

As Ice Age floods from Lake Missoula roared repeatedly toward the Pacific Ocean, they scoured and shaped the



rocks, depositing enormous boulders in the middle of fields and leaving behind a surrealistic landscape for the modern traveler to explore. Be sure to add these channeled Scablands, in the center of the state, to Washington's list of geological wonders and "must-sees" for your next visit.

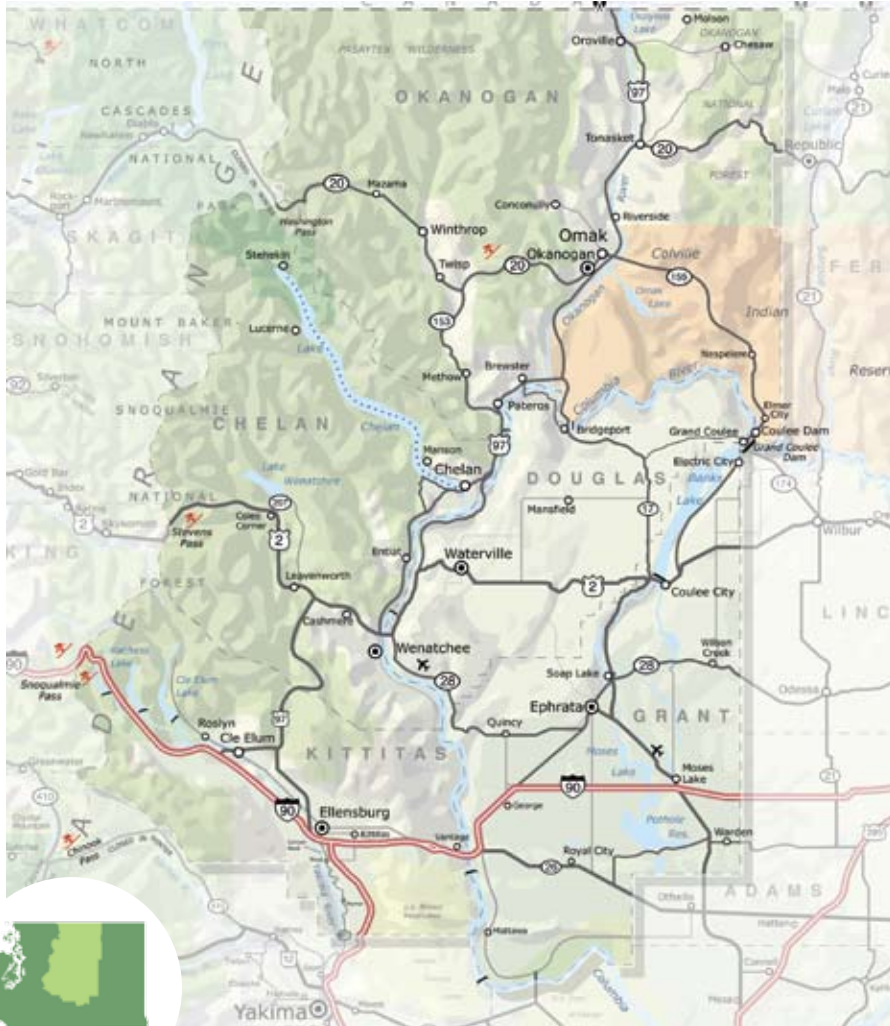
Yet a few hours' drive west and you're in the lush, forests of the North Cascades and the year-round Bavarian charm and merriment of the town of Leavenworth, or exploring a slice of the old West in Winthrop and Ellensburg or the mining towns of Roslyn and Cle Elum. Your preference may be to splash in the waters

of Lake Chelan or poke around in the ghost town of Old Molson near the Canadian border.

East of the Scablands, Grand Coulee Dam amazes. It is the largest concrete structure in America and generates more electrical power than any facility in the country. Watch the laser light show on the face of the dam on summer nights.

Migrating birds forage for food in the small lakes and intriguing flood-gouged potholes. Junk collectors and antique lovers forage for bargains in the shops of the small rural towns. Little museums, mom-and-pop restaurants offering good home cooking, a slow pace, and the occasional cloud of dust, easy to wash off with a plunge in one of the lakes, all make for a relaxed time in what feels like the bedrock of America.

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Ginkgo Petrified Forest

Unearthed in the 1930s during highway construction, the fossil forest contains a number of petrified species. Views of the Columbia winding through the sage-covered hills are spectacular. Pause here to picnic, camp, hike or boat.

HISTORIC SILVER MINING COMMUNITIES OF ROSLYN AND CLE ELUM

➤ LOCAL EXPERTS:

Cle Elum • Roslyn Chamber of Commerce
509-674-5958 / www.cleelumroslyn.org

Take I-90 east from Seattle. Distance: 83 miles.
Approximate drive time to Roslyn is 1.5 hours.

Just a few miles from the Snoqualmie Pass summit on the east side, you'll see the exit to Roslyn. Twenty-plus years ago Roslyn played the part of Cicely, Alaska, in the hit series *Northern Exposure*. Many of the show's signature storefronts still

remain. Swing by the local museum to get the story of the area's silver mining history and find out about the 26 multicultural and lodge cemeteries at the end of town.

Roslyn maintains its silver-rush town attitude, but is getting new attention with the addition of a beautiful new golf resort community at Suncadia. Even non-golfers will appreciate the view from the veranda while enjoying a great meal. Cle Elum features some nice antique stores, and a

stop at the Cle Elum Bakery, established in 1906, is a must.

With thousands of acres of mountain forest and high country lakes and streams, the area around Roslyn and Cle Elum is a summer paradise for backpackers, campers and fishermen. In the winter, the hills and mountains draw cross-country skiers, snowmobilers and showshoers, who find their own paths or follow the many groomed trails in the Wenatchee National



Forest and across state and private lands. The Summit at Snoqualmie downhill ski areas are just minutes away.

The road less traveled

Continuing towards Ellensburg, you can jump back on I-90; however, you may prefer to mosey along the old highway S.R. 10 that connects Cle Elum to Ellensburg. This is the original state highway, and it winds and twists

along the Yakima River through tiny hidden communities like Teanaway and Thorp. Along the way, you'll see remnants of the 1940s and '50s, motor hotels and gas stations that once lined this main route, making you feel like you're on an undiscovered stretch of Route 66.

From here, you can also take S.R. 970 up and over scenic Blewett Pass to Leavenworth and Wenatchee.

CLOCKWISE: THE VIEW FROM THE PATIO at Suncadia Golf Course near Roslyn. Photo by Marcus Yearout.

STROLL THE STREETS OF downtown Roslyn. Photo by Marcus Yearout.

HORSEBACK TRAIL RIDING ADVENTURES await in this part of the state. Photo by Jerry Davis.

THE MOBILGAS STATION near Ellensburg is reminiscent of days before the interstate highway system bypassed many small communities. Photo by Marcus Yearout.

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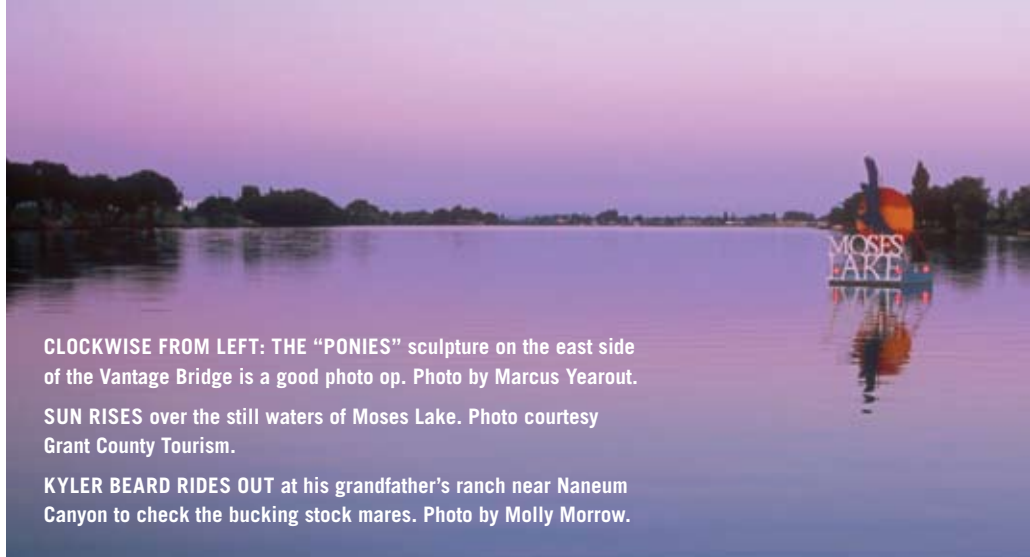
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Incorporated in 1883, Ellensburg has preserved much of its 19th-century architecture. It has also become a haven for artists who have moved here for the idyllic size of the city (under 16,000 residents) and the clear, dry air and sunshine. Galleries, boutique shops and eateries line the shaded streets.

A college town, home to Central Washington University, Ellensburg is a popular hub for concerts at the nearby Gorge Amphitheater, water skiing on the Columbia River, horseback riding, fly-fishing, river rafting, rock climbing and snowmobiling. The annual Labor Day Rodeo is one of the most famous events in North America, drawing top cowboys from around the world.
www.ellensburgrodeo.com



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: THE “PONIES” sculpture on the east side of the Vantage Bridge is a good photo op. Photo by Marcus Yearout.

SUN RISES over the still waters of Moses Lake. Photo courtesy Grant County Tourism.

KYLER BEARD RIDES OUT at his grandfather's ranch near Naneum Canyon to check the bucking stock mares. Photo by Molly Morrow.

MOSES LAKE— Shimmering in sunlight

➤ LOCAL EXPERTS:

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From Ellensburg, head northeast into Grant County and to Moses Lake where bodies of water glisten in near-perpetual sunlight. Migrating birds land to feed and rest before heading north or south on their annual migration. Part of Washington's famous Channeled Scablands, the Potholes Reservoir is the largest of the small lakes at the north end of the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge.

In addition to the natural beauty of the Columbia Basin, Moses Lake has many convenient, quality visitor attractions. You can race down a 200-foot water slide, play golf, enjoy the regional art exhibits or just splash around in Washington State's third-largest natural freshwater lake.

Ephrata and the healing powers of Soap Lake

From Moses Lake head north through downtown Ephrata, whose century-old buildings house myriad shops and diners and the county's historic museum. A few miles up the road, you'll arrive in Soap Lake, with an excellent and lively little municipal beach where you might find people smearing the fine-grained,

mineral-rich black mud of the lake over their bodies like cold cream.

From here you can drive north, past lakes and into Coulee City at the south end of Banks Lake. Follow the lake north to Electric City and Coulee Dam.
www.tourgrantcounty.com

The Channeled Scablands: A natural wonder

Perhaps one of the most surreal sights you'll ever see this side of Yellowstone is the Channeled Scablands region of north central Washington. Over a 10-million-year period, more than 300 flows of basalt lava erupted in wide fissures here to an accumulated thickness of 6,000 feet in some areas. Then, during the last Ice Age, a fairly recent 12 to 18 thousand years ago, ice dams created Glacial Lake Missoula in western Montana. The lake contained half the volume of water of modern Lake Michigan.

Over the millennia, the ice dams built up, blocking river flows in Montana, then failed an estimated 40 times, sending torrents of water, 15 cubic miles per hour, on a mad rampage to the Pacific. Unlike the Grand Canyon, which was formed by erosion, this geologic wonder was created by a series of cataclysmic floods that gouged out deep canyons, left huge boulders in otherwise open fields, and created terraced buttes and cliffs.

When you stand at the Dry Falls overlook, it is easy to imagine



Dry Falls

Located seven miles southwest of Coulee City on WA-17, Dry Falls is one of the great geological wonders of North America. Carved by Ice Age floods, the former waterfall is now a stark cliff, 400 feet high and three and a half miles wide. In its heyday, the waterfall was four times the size of Niagara Falls. Today it overlooks a desert oasis filled with basin lakes and abundant wildlife. Dry Falls Visitor Center is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, except holidays.



John Marshall

mammoths grazing below while hunters crouch behind outcroppings; suddenly in this long-ago scene, a distant rumble turns into a deafening roar as water carrying ice blocks the size of villages sweep away everything in sight. You are staring at a remnant of the largest waterfall ever known to have existed on earth (see sidebar).
www.iafi.org

The gorge at George

The Gorge Amphitheatre is a 20,000-seat concert venue located above the Columbia River gorge in George, 40 miles east of Ellensburg on I-90. Here you will hear world-famous musicians play against the backdrop of sweeping views of the Columbia River as the sun sets in deep-crimson hues over the surrounding landscape—a truly dreamlike experience.



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ABOVE: TOURS OF GRAND COULEE DAM never fail to entertain visitors. Photo courtesy Grant County Tourism.

LEFT: A ROCK CLIMBER scales a basalt stack in the scablands near Grand Coulee. Photo courtesy Grant County Tourism.

BELOW: LIBERTY BELL MOUNTAIN and Early Winter Spires are dusted with fresh snow along the North Cascades Scenic Byway. Photo © Terry Donnelly.



Grand Coulee Dam

Your travel plans to this region simply must include a detour to Grand Coulee Dam—a triumph of mid-20th-century engineering and a wonder to behold. Nearly a mile long, made of 12 million cubic yards of concrete, the dam is the largest concrete structure and the largest electric power producing facility in the United States. It produces 6.5 million kilowatts of power and irrigates over half a million acres of Columbia River Basin farmland.

In the evenings, from late May through September, the visitors' center produces a laser show on the face of the dam. Narrated on loudspeakers

and also simulcast on the radio, this wondrous display of light dances across the concrete while you learn the history of this monumental structure. It is not to be missed.

From here a loop north through the Colville Indian Reservation will provide you a glimpse of the rich heritage that makes up the 12 bands of the Colville Confederated Tribes. Take a trip to the Colville tribe's museum in Coulee Dam or visit the memorial to Chief Joseph, the legendary chief of the Wallowa Band of the Nez Perce, in Nespelem.



WHEN YOU GO...

Port of Douglas County

The best fishing in Eastern Washington is found on the Columbia River in Douglas County. From East Wenatchee to Bridgeport you'll find salmon, walleye, trout, bass and sturgeon.

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CASCADE LOOP SCENIC BYWAYS

➤ LOCAL EXPERTS:

Cascade Loop Association
509-662-3888 / www.cascade-loop.com

The 440-mile Cascade Loop Scenic Highway offers a self-guided driving tour that circles through the spectacular Cascade mountain range. Embracing the orchard and vineyard-laden Columbia River Valley, glacier-fed Lake Chelan, and the Wild West territory of the Methow Valley, a trip on the loop will refresh your sense of awe.

You may see bear and elk in the North Cascades National Park or witness orcas play from Fidalgo and Whidbey Islands. You'll experience diverse terrain, wild natural areas, quaint towns, a variety of outdoor activities, and incredible views that will make you feel revitalized and ready for your next adventure. Free travel guide at www.CascadeLoop.com.

Following are a sample of the communities you'll encounter in the North Cascades leg of this amazing journey.

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WHEN YOU GO...

Cascade Loop Scenic Highway

A 400-mile loop via SR-20 and US-2 leads to spectacular natural beauty and quaint towns. It passes through North Cascades National Park, Lake Chelan, Winthrop, Leavenworth, Whidbey and Fidalgo Islands, rural Skagit Valley, beachcombing, whale and bird watching.
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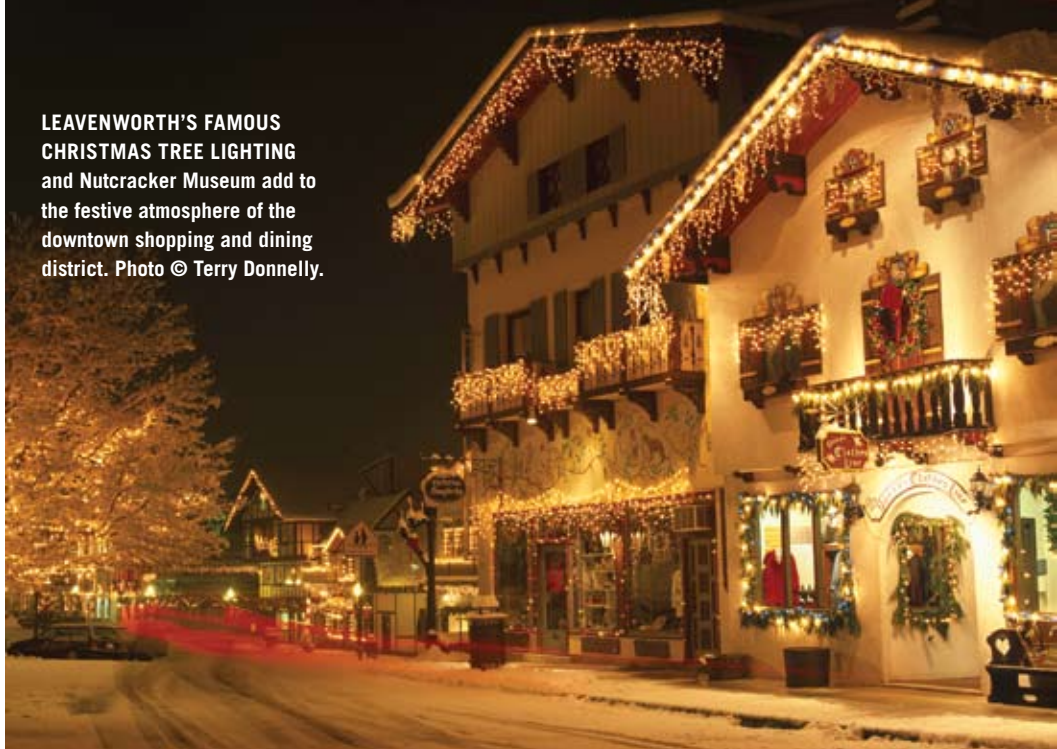
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LEAVENWORTH'S FAMOUS CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING and Nutcracker Museum add to the festive atmosphere of the downtown shopping and dining district. Photo © Terry Donnelly.



LEAVENWORTH: America's Bavarian village

➤ LOCAL EXPERTS:

Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce
509-548-5807 / www.leavenworth.org

On the eastern slopes of the Cascade Range on Highway 2, you'll encounter the bustling Bavarian village of Leavenworth. Living and breathing proof that a book is so much more than its cover, this community is rich with "characters" who have been drawn here by the town's diversity and by its cultural and natural beauty.

Every morning at 8:15 and 9:15—rain, shine, snow, sleet or hail—you can see 86-year-old Bob Johnson, dressed in lederhosen, climb atop the deck rail of his hotel, built where the old railroad roundhouse once stood. Johnson, one of the creators of Leavenworth's Bavarian theme, then proceeds to play pieces on his alpenhorn.

The shops, galleries, wine-tasting rooms, restaurants and museums in the downtown core are always a treat. Beer, bratwurst and smiling hospitality reign supreme. But it's the surrounding rugged Cascade countryside that appeals the most to many of Leavenworth's annual visitors.

White-water rafting excursions depart from near the center of town; gentle hikes along riverfront paths or challenging climbs up sheer rock faces are all easily accessible. In winter, miles and miles of groomed cross-country ski trails and a downhill ski and tubing area—complete with one of the Northwest's few ski jumps—are minutes from downtown. Scenic drives provide breathtaking vistas of the tiny burg, its winding rivers and the surrounding mountains.

Throw in the music and wine festivals, outdoor theatrical performances scheduled throughout the year, Oktoberfest, sleigh rides and the famous Christmas Tree lighting festival that has drawn *Good Morning America* here twice, and you'll start to understand why people choose to visit Leavenworth year after year.

Amtrak recently restored passenger service on their Empire Builder route to downtown making the trip to Leavenworth a fun and accessible adventure any time of year and regardless of road conditions!



Cashmere: Local history and a uniquely Washington taste treat

Pull over in Cashmere to visit the Chelan County Historical Society Museum. Spread out over three acres, it includes 20 original furnished pioneer structures as well as exhibits on the area's Native Americans, pioneers and natural history. This is also the home of the unique confectionary treat Aplets and Cotlets. www.visitcashmere.com

WENATCHEE: Apples and a Columbia River playground

➤ LOCAL EXPERTS:

Wenatchee Valley Visitors Bureau
509-663-3723 / www.wenatcheevalley.org

Wenatchee is the county seat and an excellent spot to use as a base while making daily discovery loops out. The city straddles the Columbia River with trails leading from Riverfront Park, for great outings, long or short, easygoing or brisk. Wenatchee is seriously dedicated to good public art. Within a few blocks you can see dozens of excellent bronze sculptures on indigenous basalt pedestals. Walking-tour maps are given out at many downtown locations.

Wineries and fruit growers abound in this area. Wenatchee was once only known as the Apple Capital; now the area between Wenatchee and Chelan boasts twenty-three wineries. Bikers will enjoy riding the quiet and safe back roads.

Visit Ohme Gardens

Spend an hour in Shangri-La. High on a bluff north of Wenatchee on U.S. 97, Ohme Gardens (pronounced OH-me) is an astounding nine acres of foliage, flower and rock. The trek through the garden takes about an hour, opening up to views of the Columbia

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: SPRING BLOSSOMS in a Cashmere orchard. Photo by Ben Ellis.

WHITEWATER RAFTING on the Wenatchee River from Leavenworth provides heart pounding excitement. Photo courtesy Osprey Rafting.

EMERALD ISLAND and reflections of the Cascade Range from the shore of Lake Wenatchee State Park. Photo © Terry Donnelly.

A BIGHORN SHEEP looks up from grazing in a field near Entiat. Photo by Monte Dodge.

River and the Cascade range. Wear sturdy shoes. In the shade of towering cedars and firs, you go up and down a mile of stone paths, passing pools, always in sight of a lush carpet of leaves and blooms. www.ohmegardens.com

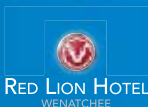
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Lake Chelan to Stehekin by boat

A trip to Stehekin is a journey into an unspoiled frontier, forgotten by time and only accessible on foot, by boat or by float plane. (www.stehekinvalley.com) The breathtakingly beautiful trip up Lake Chelan, Washington's largest and deepest lake, takes you from the arid desertlike climate of the lower valley, through fjord-like gorges carved by Ice Age glaciations, to the headwaters of the lake deep in the Cascades. (www.ladyofthelake.com)

Shafer Museum

Located on a bluff overlooking downtown Winthrop, Shafer Museum is a complex of historical buildings and machinery artifacts dating to the late 1800s and early 1900s.



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Pearrygin Lake State Park

Located near downtown Winthrop, Pearrygin Lake is a nice desert oasis. The park offers camping, swimming, fishing and boating. The expansive green lawns run right up to the lake and are accented with old willows and ash to provide shade on hot summer days.



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LAKE CHELAN: A vacation tradition for generations

➤ LOCAL EXPERTS:

Lake Chelan Tourism
509 682-3503 / www.cometothelake.com

Nestled along the northern shore of Lake Chelan, this community offers award-winning wineries and summer activities like golfing, boating, hiking, swimming, shopping or just relaxing with the family. But the area is equally famous for winter activities including skiing and snowboarding, at nearby Echo Valley family ski and tube area, and over countless miles of groomed cross-country ski trails.

The Lake Chelan American Viticultural Area (AVA)—Washington's newest—is comprised of 13 bonded wineries, with more than 150 acres of vineyards, and estate winery vineyards with 110 acres of additional grape production. The Chamber of Commerce boasts that there are 101 things to do here, but we consider that a gross understatement.



WINTHROP: Spirit of the Old West

If you're traveling the Cascade Loop Scenic Highway, a few miles past Chelan, you can loop back to western Washington by taking WA-153 through the old-west community of Winthrop and the gorgeous Methow Valley.

Winthrop and the surrounding area was a hunting and gathering area for indigenous people for over 9,000 years. Permanent white settlers first came to Winthrop in 1883 in search of gold. When you visit you will find boardwalks, cowboy boots and sometimes strolling musicians in this old-west town. Situated at the eastern end of the North Cascades Highway, it is always a popular stop and is a great summer or winter destination.

Winthrop is a major cross-country skiing location with over 120 miles of groomed trails. Other popular activities include rock climbing, hiking and mountain biking, river rafting and horseback riding.

The annual Rhythm & Blues Festival draws some of the world's finest musicians and attracts thousands of loyal fans each year. www.winthropwashington.com

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BICYCLISTS enjoy a ride along the shores of Lake Chelan. Photo by Martin Bydalek.

SEVERAL EXCELLENT WINERIES have sprouted up around Lake Chelan in the past decade. Limo tours and tasting rooms are a great experience. Photos by Martin Bydalek.



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RIGHT: A YOUNG DOE grooms her fawn. Photo by Tom Reichner.

BELOW: WHETHER YOU PREFER heli-skiing, cross-country, snowmobiles or snow shoeing, the Methow Valley and Winthrop are great winter destinations. Photo by Alex O'Brien.



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Heading east or west?

After a stop in Winthrop, you can pick up WA-20 heading west to loop back to Seattle through the Methow Valley. This pass is closed in winter, but the North Cascades Scenic Byway is so spectacular that you may want to plan a trip specifically around the June-October season. Visit www.wsdot.wa.gov for mountain pass information.

If you're on an eastern Washington tour, return via WA-20 east over Loup Loup Summit at 4,020 feet, and cut across to Okanogan and north to Oroville on the Canadian border or stay on WA-20 to reach the heart of northeast Washington's rugged pioneer country.



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Entering Okanogan County

In the beautiful high desert valley region, you'll encounter several tiny communities north of Lake Chelan where you can browse small, locally owned boutique shops and restaurants on the "Main Street America" of a simpler time. This area is renowned for its fishing, skiing and snowmobiling. In Okanogan, we recommend swinging by the Okanogan County Historical Museum to check out the Frank S. Matsura photo exhibit. Murals featuring his work are found all over downtown.

A few minutes north you enter Omak, a charming little town perhaps best recognized as home of the famous Omak Stampede, Indian Encampment and Pow-Wow. www.omakchamber.com

Twenty-five miles north on U.S. 97 is Tonasket—a self-described "small town with big ambitions." Spend some time meeting the friendly, smiling people and you'll immediately get the sense that their hearts are as big as their ambition. (www.tvbrc.org)

North of Tonasket near a U.S.-Canada border crossing, Oroville is a former pioneer railroad town and service point for gold miners, cattle ranchers and farmers, with orchards bearing many different fruits. It still retains much of its pioneer spirit and is an outdoor sportsman's haven. www.orovillewashington.com

Eastbound adventure




If you are lucky enough to be continuing east, stay on the twisting






road from Chesaw to where it intersects with WA-21 at Curlew. Whether you're panning for gold, hunting, camping or just sight-seeing, this is a great route. Go to the Northeast Washington section of this guide (page 132) to pick up the trail to this adventure.


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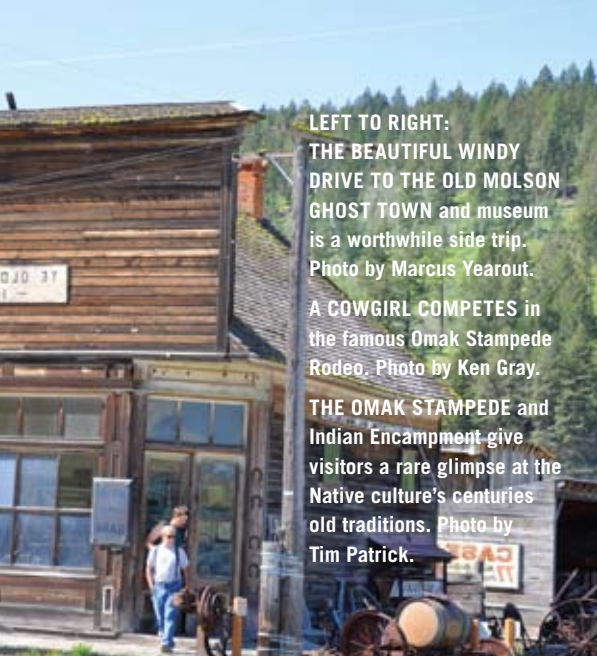
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Chesaw Stop

After a visit to the dusty Old Molson Ghost Town, we drove through tiny Chesaw on the way to Lake Curlew. It was 103° and this Kool-Aid stand in front of the Chesaw Country Store really hit the spot! Since 1942, this town of around 200 hearty souls has hosted an annual 4th of July Rodeo that draws thousands from far and near.

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LEFT TO RIGHT:
THE BEAUTIFUL WINDY
DRIVE TO THE OLD MOLSON
GHOST TOWN and museum
is a worthwhile side trip.
Photo by Marcus Yearout.

A COWGIRL COMPETES in
the famous Omak Stampede
Rodeo. Photo by Ken Gray.

THE OMAK STAMPEDE and
Indian Encampment give
visitors a rare glimpse at the
Native culture's centuries
old traditions. Photo by
Tim Patrick.



Where to Stay

Hotel/Motel/Resort	Rate (Off-Peak/Peak)	Number of Rooms	Onsite Restaurant	Breakfast Included	Internet/WiFi	Microwave/Fridge	Swimming Pool	Pets Welcome	100% Smoke Free
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: WHILE EXCELLENT WINE can be found throughout Washington State, many of the grapes come from Appellations in and around the south central region; HOT AIR BALLOONS rise gracefully over the rolling fields near Walla Walla. Photo by Lynn Dee Suckow; SITUATED AT THE CONVERGENCE of the Snake, Yakima and Columbia Rivers, beautiful suspension bridges carry visitors from one Tri-Cities community to the next. Photo courtesy of the Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau; JONES FARM near Zillah features one of the most popular produce stands in the Yakima Valley. Photo by Marcus Yearout.



South Central Washington

Under skies bluer than you've ever seen, through clean, dry air, you'll wander highways and back roads up to



high rocky bluffs, and down to the depths of canyons. From the scores of wineries dotting the countryside to the pelicans roosting along the waterways of the Tri-Cities, this area packs one surprise after another.

Stop in one tasting room after another to sample the goods and tuck a bottle or two in your trunk. Buy local produce at a roadside stand. Suddenly you'll find yourself on a blanket having a picnic, overlooking a scene from an old western movie.

The city of Yakima offers good dining and a chance to discover their cherished and impeccably developed riverfront arboretum.

As you head through Union Gap to the Yakima Valley, look around at the gracefully

rolling hills; take a deep breath, especially on a dewy morning, and smell the rich, fragrant scent of sage. In fall, pick an apple and take a bite; the crisp, fresh taste of tree-ripened fruit packs a wallop you won't soon forget.

The Yakama Nation will welcome you into their ancient and colorful culture. Then explore the confluence of the Snake, Yakima and Columbia rivers in the sun-drenched playground of the Tri-Cities. Continue to Walla Walla and immerse yourself in this enclave of art and culture where galleries burst with the work of serious artists producing unique pieces. The town is filled with interesting architecture, neo-Gothic and Victorian.

Regardless of where your South Central Washington journey leads, the welcoming grins and sparkling eyes you'll encounter out here will be as strong in your memory as the wonders of nature.

South Central Washington



DOWNTOWN YAKIMA is a blend of 1890s-era architecture and glistening new buildings in the city center. Photo by Marcus Yearout.

THE BOUNTIFUL YAKIMA VALLEY

➤ LOCAL EXPERTS:

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From Seattle, take I-90 east to Ellensburg and I-82 from Ellensburg to Yakima. Distance: 145 miles. Driving time from Seattle to Ellensburg: 1 hour, 45 minutes; Ellensburg to Yakima: 30 minutes.

The Yakima Valley is perhaps the most productive agricultural region in the state. Wine country is getting all of the buzz these days, and indeed, the boutique wineries, the 13,000 acres of vineyards, and the oldest American viticultural area (AVA) are worth the visit. Add to that the history of generations of family farming and the roadside stands featuring the largest variety of produce in the Pacific Northwest, and you're starting to get the Yakima Valley picture.

Downtown Yakima

Incorporated in 1886, Yakima is by Northwest standards an old city. Handsomely crafted masonry buildings

downtown hearken back to the city's frontier roots. The addition of 19th-century streetlights, historical restorations and period facades create a totally new energy here.

During your visit, take a step back into history with a stroll along the boardwalk of Track 29 and check out the very unusual shops located in authentic railroad cars. Visit the restored 1912 Northern Pacific Depot located on North Front Street, which houses boutique shops and attractions. A host of new wineries and restaurants have taken root here and are becoming popular stops. Gilbert Cellars and Bob's Pub, featuring Yakima Craft Ale, should be on your must-visit list in this bustling neighborhood.

Outdoor adventure surrounds you

Yakima County is blessed with excellent weather and world-renowned agriculture

and wineries, but many folks come here for the wide variety of outdoor fun. If hiking, camping, fishing or skiing is what interests you, this is the place to do it. There are trailheads throughout the area for hikers and horseback riders of all abilities and spectacular mountain vistas of Mount Rainier and Mount Adams.

The Yakima River Canyon is known far and wide as one of the best drift-boat and fly-fishing sites you can find anywhere, but don't be surprised if a flotilla of inner tubers are drifting lazily around the next bend and chasing your fish away.

Entering wine country

From Yakima, I-82 cuts swiftly to the southeast past several of the valley's most popular wineries, so pick up a wine tour map and plan to make a few stops along the way to sample the local offerings. Enjoy the relaxed pace of the countryside



Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau



Yakima River Canyon

For a spectacular alternate route to Yakima from Ellensburg, follow WA-821 along the Yakima River Canyon route. As you descend, rugged basalt cliffs rise up on both sides in shades of brown, dotted with contorted trees and scrub. This area is a world-class fly-fishing destination, and in season the idyllic scene of a sportsman standing on shore or in hip waders casting a lazy line to and fro is common. Stop at the turnouts. Roadside monuments provide excellent details about the formation of these canyon walls.

ABOVE: THE YAKIMA VALLEY is renown for its fruit, vegetables, hops and grapes. Photo courtesy Yakima Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau.

BELOW: IN RECENT YEARS, a visit to the Yakima Valley has become synonymous with wine tasting. Photo by T. J. Mullinax.

and authentic encounters with locals. You'll often meet the winery family in the tasting room; they'll be delighted to recommend the best Washington wine to enjoy with regional cuisine.

Just add water

As you head through the valley, glance at Yakima's surrounding sagebrush-covered hills to get a glimpse of what this country looked like prior to the massive irrigation projects that brought farmers to these hills. With ample water for the thirsty, quick-draining volcanic soil and an average 300 days of sunshine, the area has become famous for its fruit orchards, produce farms and vineyards.

Farm-fresh experiences

Just south of Union Gap you'll enter the Yakima Valley. Filipino and Japanese

farmers have tilled this soil and sold fresh, field-ripened produce from roadside stands—especially during fall harvest—to locals and visitors alike for a hundred years or more.

For generations, people have flocked from all corners of the state to buy in bulk, take home and preserve. In spring, when the fruit trees flower, the land is draped with pastel clouds of blossoms and lime-green leaves, hung on a filigree of black branches. The wholesome freshness of the food and the sincerity of these proud farmers will fill your heart and lift your spirit.

Hop fields are still plentiful

The Yakima Valley produces over 75 percent of the nation's hops. Yakima Valley breweries such as Yakima Craft Brewery, Snipes Mountain

(Sunnyside), Whitstran and Horse Heaven Brewing (Prosser) are great ways to do a little product testing. Visitors interested in agri-tourism and especially the brewing industry should definitely plan a quick stop at the Hop Museum in Toppenish where exhibits trace the history of hop farming in the Yakima Valley.

Toppenish and the Yakama Nation

Toppenish is home to the Yakama Nation Cultural Heritage Center but also contains a historic business district with over 70 painted outdoor murals. Scenes from the old West, railroading, rodeos, farming, aviation events and various historical events adorn the sides of many downtown buildings. The Northern Pacific Railway Museum is worth a stop. www.toppenish.net

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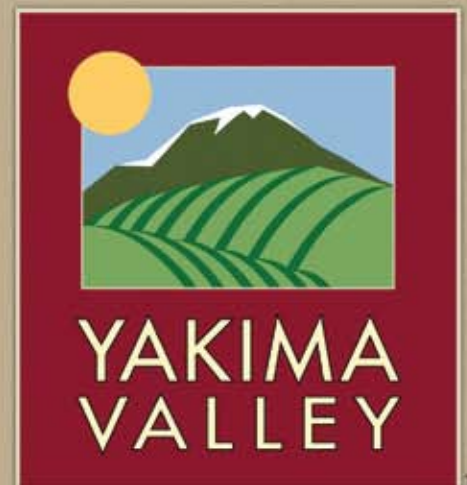
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PROSSER: "Where the grapes are grown" Prosser is wine grape country

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For much of the past century, hops and fruit orchards dominated the skyline of this arid countryside. In the last thirty years, however, a new agricultural business has swept the region—wine making. Wines from this region are fast gaining a reputation as being among the finest in the world.

While in the visitor center, a local boasted proudly, "I don't care where they make the wine, this is where the grapes are grown!" And these grapes, grown in Washington's oldest AVA, are widely regarded as the best in the state.

Take a left on Cabernet Drive

While it's always a treat to visit the actual wineries and vineyards, a new wine-tasting complex just off I-82 (Exit 80) in Prosser will provide a great introduction to this area's wine selection. Along streets named for local varietals, there are several excellent wineries represented here. You can also venture out to find estate wineries scattered throughout the community and on surrounding hillsides. Winery maps are located in nearly every tasting room, restaurant, hotel lobby and visitor center throughout the valley.

Tasting the wine is just part of the experience

There's plenty of opportunity to explore more than the wine in Prosser.

The Benton County Historical Museum features exhibits recounting the area's rich agricultural heritage. A couple of new handcrafted breweries provide plenty of atmosphere, and the Picazo 7 Seventeen Restaurant is among the most widely recognized eateries in the region. Parks and plenty of wide bicycling trails are found throughout the area; you'll need the exercise after a stop at the local candy store which also offers a wine and chocolate pairing card.

RED MOUNTAIN AND THE TRI CITIES: South Central Washington's riverfront

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Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau
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The Red Mountain Appellation, southeast on I-82 toward Benton City (Exit 96), is blessed by a combination of soil pushed down by the Missoula floods, volcanic ash and the day/





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Granger Chamber of Commerce

Granger's Dino-In-A-Day

Toppenish has its murals, Walla Walla its sweet onions, but Granger has its dinosaurs? Absolutely! Drive through town and see the dinosaurs in parks, in ponds and in front of municipal buildings throughout town. The kids will love slapping cement on the latest creation during the annual "Dino-in-a-Day" festival. (www.grangerchamber.org)

LEFT TO RIGHT: HISTORIC DOWNTOWN Toppenish features some of the finest murals in the state. Photo courtesy Toppenish Chamber.

WITH NEAR PERFECT wine grape growing conditions, estate wineries are common on the route from Yakima through the Tri-Cities and Walla Walla. Photo courtesy of the Washington Wine Commission.

WARM SUMMER BREEZES provide the power for catamarans zipping around the Columbia and Snake Rivers in the Tri-Cities. Photo courtesy of the Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau.

night temperature range of the high desert plains. This is fast becoming one of the most well known grape-growing and wine-making regions in the nation. Some of the most highly regarded wineries in the state reside here, so plan to make lots of stops before continuing your journey into the Tri-Cities.

Convergence of three rivers and four cities

The Tri-Cities have actually become four: Kennewick, Pasco, Richland and West Richland. At Sacajawea State Park and Interpretive Center in Pasco, the Snake River joins the Columbia River. This is where Lewis and Clark and Sacajawea first saw the mighty river and

knew they were on the right path to the Pacific Ocean. And the Yakima and Columbia rivers converge at Bateman Island in Richland, the furthest point upriver that Lewis and Clark reached. The Sacagawea Heritage Trail, a 23-mile continuous riverfront trail, connects the communities, and while they share the banks of the same rivers, each city provides a wide variety of opportunities for sun-filled adventure.

An intimate wine experience

In the Tri-Cities, you are standing in the midst of the massive Columbia Valley appellation, making this a perfect hub from which to explore this vast

wine region. Sharing the same latitude as the world-famous Burgundy and Bordeaux regions of France, the Columbia Valley has the perfect soil conditions and temperature for making great wines. Tri-Cities wineries are still young enough to be intimate, yet experienced enough to produce world-class wines.

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THE HANFORD REACH in the Tri-Cities. Photo by Gary White.

Splash and play in near-constant sunshine

The confluence of the Snake, Yakima and Columbia rivers has produced an aquatic playground second to none. The area's inviting waterways beckon water lovers from all over the region to enjoy sailing, power and pleasure boating, waterskiing, swimming, fishing, windsurfing and much more.

A summer highlight is the Tri-City Water Follies. This annual event, held the last full weekend in July, features the

Columbia Cup unlimited hydroplane event and a popular air show.

www.waterfollies.com

From bicycling to bowling, hunting to fishing, soccer to skiing, recreational opportunities are endless. Due in part to the area's exceptional climate, golf is one of the Tri-Cities' most popular sports. Ten beautiful award-winning courses challenge even the most experienced golfer. It is a very hard winter indeed when a round of golf cannot be played nearly every day.

Be sure to pick up a Visitor's Guide and map at the Tri-Cities Visitor Center. Call ahead or log on to www.visitTri-Cities.com for a comprehensive guide of things to see and do in the Tri-Cities.

Hanford Reach's watchable wildlife

The Tri-Cities is an important resting and feeding area for migratory waterfowl on the Pacific flyway. In fact, the area is home to eight National Wildlife Refuges and Reserves that are crisscrossed with

nature trails and shoreline viewpoints.

The Hanford Reach National Monument is perhaps the region's most prominent wildlife viewing area. Designated by President Clinton as a National Monument in 2000, the Hanford Reach is the only free-flowing, non-tidal stretch of the Columbia River remaining in the United States.

View an abundance of wildlife, spectacular white bluffs and desert plateaus while enjoying a jet boat cruise or guided kayak adventure along the 51-mile stretch of unbridled river.

In addition to the Hanford Reach, many other places are perfect for exploring the region's great outdoors; Amon Basin, Audubon Nature Trail, Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve, Bateman Island, McNary National Wildlife Refuge, Sacagawea Heritage Trail and Tapteal Greenway/Chamna Natural Preserve provide visitors with additional wildlife-viewing and recreational options.



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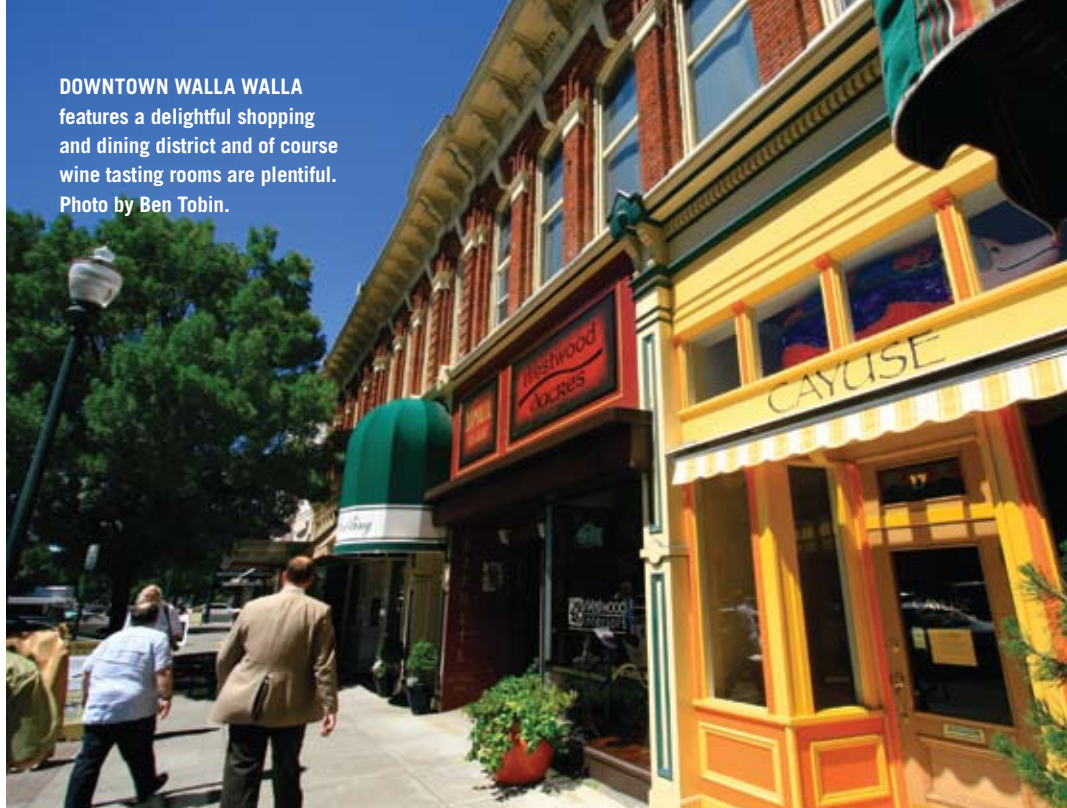


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DOWNTOWN WALLA WALLA features a delightful shopping and dining district and of course wine tasting rooms are plentiful. Photo by Ben Tobin.

WALLA WALLA: Steeped in historic tradition

➤ LOCAL EXPERTS:

Tourism Walla Walla
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Founded in 1859, Walla Walla has been called the cradle of Northwest history. Historic it is. Downtown streets are lined with venerable buildings and shaded with grand old trees. Houses in residential neighborhoods are gingerbread-quaint, glowing white or painted-lady colorful. From downtown, cruise South Palouse Street, Alvarado Terrace and Boyer Avenue for some great examples of our vintage homes.

Visit Fort Walla Walla Museum or Pioneer Park, one of 18 parks in this little gem of a city, canopied by ancient sycamores rising from grand sweeps of lawn. A 19th-century bandstand is the stage for summer performances. The park's aviary boasts 200 exotic birds.

Wineries continue the tradition

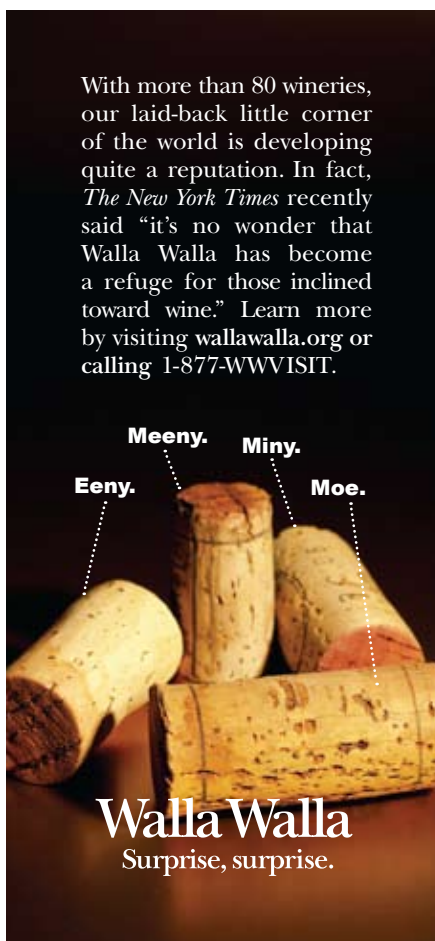
Even the local wineries (there are over 100) honor history. You can taste excellent merlots and cabernets in a perfectly restored 1915 schoolhouse, or in the

barracks of a World War II air training facility that have been converted to house several wine-tasting rooms. Be sure to swing by the fully renovated Marcus Whitman Hotel, dating back to 1927, which hosts regular wine-pairing dinners and events.

Year-round wine events

A series of annual events showcases Walla Walla wines. Vintage Walla Walla, Spring Release, Fall Release and Holiday Barrel tasting events create year-round opportunities to sample the wines and meet the winemakers and growers.

Spring and Fall Releases feature tastings of new releases from the valley's wineries, as well as wines already on the market, with cooking demonstrations by regional chefs. Vintage Walla Walla includes a vintage wine tasting, terroir tours, a gala vineyard lunch prepared by regional chefs and classes hosted by leading wine critics and writers with local winemakers and growers in attendance. www.wallawallawine.com





A COVERED WAGON SITS on a stretch of the Oregon Trail at the Whitman Mission near Walla Walla. Photo by Joseph Becker.

All this and sweet onions too!

In season, the famous Walla Walla sweet onions draw visitors, but today a new and large community of artists transplanted from all over has made the city a mecca for galleries and art. Sculptors, painters, jewelry makers, weavers and bronze casters

have all come here to produce their work and live the good life.

In this walkable, charming place, there are more than a dozen truly excellent restaurants, featuring—what else?—Walla Walla wines! In addition to its wine, food and history, there's plenty of proof that Walla Walla loves its art too. The annual Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival, held June 3 to 18 in 2010, will present 26 performances and several public rehearsals at 14 venues throughout the city. More information is available at www.wwcmmf.org.

Plan to spend at least two full days in Walla Walla and consider a side trip to historic downtown Waitsburg and Dayton. A hummingbird farm near Dixie is hard to

find, but fun to visit. Swing in a local store there to get directions. With almost too many options to consider, you'll want to come back time and again.

Whitman Mission National Historic Site

Get a sense of history and see wagon-wheel tracks left by early pioneers by visiting the Whitman Mission interpretive center. Located seven miles west of Walla Walla on Highway 12, the mission was built in 1836 by Marcus and Narcissa Whitman. After more than a decade of living and working with the Cayuse Indians, the Whitmans' mission effort ended in violence when a band of Indians killed the Whitmans and 11 others. 509-529-2761, www.nps.gov/whmi

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: HOT TUB on houseboat by Patrick Bennett; WHITE MOUNTAIN fire trail by Marcus Yearout; OVERLOOKING THE SPOKANE VALLEY, Arbor Crest Winery has great wines to match the view. Photo by Marcus Yearout; FALL IS A GREAT time to explore Sherman Pass and all of the scenic wild areas of northeast Washington. Photo by © Terry Donnelly; THE 1902 CLOCKTOWER in Spokane's Riverfront Park was originally part of the Great Northern Railroad Depot. Photo by Marcus Yearout.





Spokane and Northeast Washington

While in Metaline Falls visiting the beautiful Cutter Theatre—designed by famed Northwest architect Kirtland Cutter—a fellow



tourist commented, “It’s amazing how little we know about little towns.” This simple statement was as profound as it was accurate in describing the experience of traveling through Washington’s northeast corner from Spokane on to the U.S.-Canada border.

Spokane is a beautiful city filled with art, wineries, live theatre and historic architecture with beautiful Riverfront Park and Spokane Falls—site of the World’s Fair—in the heart of it all.

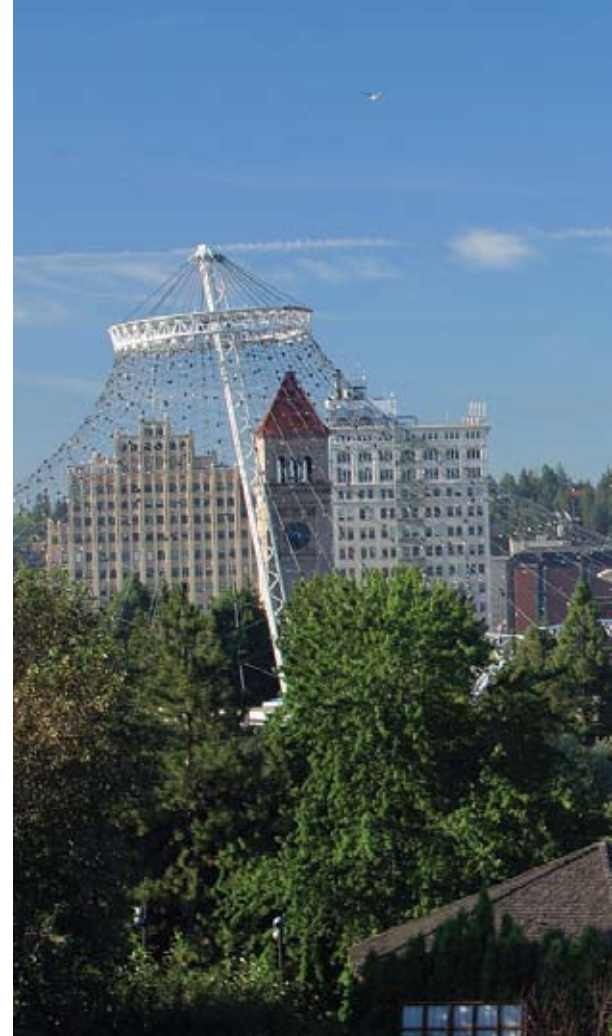
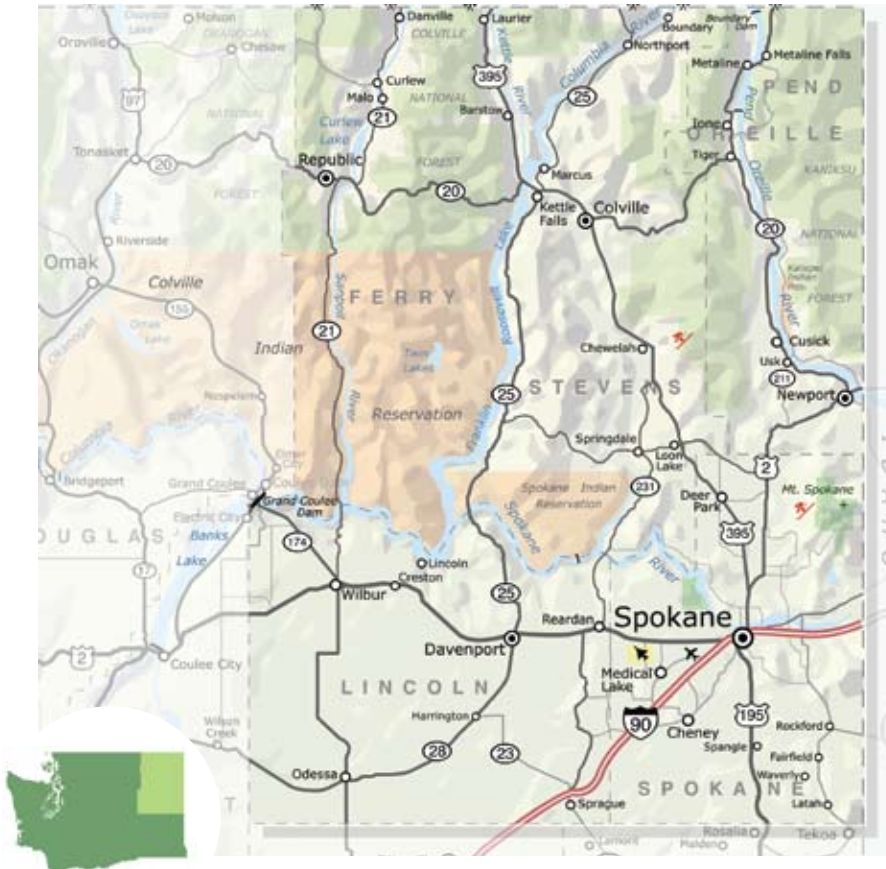
Outside of Spokane this is big and sparsely populated country. You might

drive for miles and not see another car or evidence of human life. Yet at nearly every turn in the road you

encounter something unexpected and delightful. This ruggedly beautiful, true pioneer country is full of hearty and earnest people who are proud of where they live. As one local resident commented with a wry smile, “Welcome to a place where you can’t see the air and you can’t taste the water!”

So turn off the radio, roll down the windows and let the wind whip through the car. Stick your arm out and feel the sun, breathe deeply and cruise, listening for the call of the wild. At some point you’re sure to smile inwardly and mutter to yourself, “Now *this* is a vacation.”

Spokane and Northeast Washington



RIVERFRONT PARK and downtown Spokane courtesy Spokane Regional Visitors Bureau.

SPOKANE: Near Nature. Near Perfect.

➤ LOCAL EXPERTS:

Spokane Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau
1-888-Spokane / www.visitspokane.com

From Seattle, take Interstate 90 east toward Spokane. Distance: 275 miles. Drive is approximately 4 hours.

Spokane, Washington's second-largest city, features a blend of metropolitan experience and outdoor recreation that is unsurpassed. Their slogan "Near Nature. Near Perfect" sums it up well. You can hike in the Selkirk Mountains by day, then dust off and spiff up for the symphony or a Broadway show at the INB Performing Arts Center or the Fox or Bing Crosby theatre that night.

There are few destinations that offer whitewater trips just five minutes from a

5-star hotel, 14 (and counting) distinctive wineries, many of which are receiving national acclaim, and award-winning restaurants such as Wild Sage, which the Washington Restaurant Association has named one of the best restaurants in Washington State.

This diversity also extends to the city's architecture, where stately 19th-century buildings and residences coexist seamlessly beside their contemporary 21st-century counterparts. Near Riverfront Park, an ultramodern glass-and-steel office building appears totally at home overlooking the 1911 Kirtland Cutter-designed Monroe Street Bridge.

Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture (MAC)

Just west of downtown in the 1883 National Historic District neighborhood of Browne's Addition, you will find the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture. Affiliated with the Smithsonian, the MAC is keeper of the largest collection of art and living history from the Northern Plateau tribes, some 38,000 pieces. The MAC collects art, artifacts and primary-source material in three disciplines: Regional History, Fine Art and American Indian and other cultures.

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Riverfront Park

Spread out over more than 100 acres in the heart of downtown, Riverfront Park sits on the 1974 World's Fair site and is built around Spokane Falls. Laid out beneath the iconic 1902 Great Northern clock tower are paths to hike and grandly shaded lawns to stroll.

You can take a gondola ride over the river or reach for the brass ring on the 1909 Loeff Carrousel. From late October to March, you can skate at the Ice Palace, widely considered to be one of America's best outdoor ice rinks.

Mount Spokane State Park

Cut into the Selkirk Mountains is Washington's largest state park. Its crowning feature is Mount Spokane. At 5,851 feet, the peak provides sweeping views of surrounding states and Canada.

There are literally hundreds of miles of hiking, mountain-biking and horseback-riding trails. Skiing—both Nordic and downhill—snowboarding and snowmobiling are popular winter activities. Keep a tight eye out for moose, bear and bobcat.



Marcus Yearout

Kalispel buffalo herd

The Kalispel tribe maintains a 100-head buffalo herd that roam over 600 acres. To view the herd, cross over the bridge at Usk and take an immediate left toward the Kalispel Cultural Center.

PEND OREILLE COUNTY

► LOCAL EXPERTS:

Pend Oreille River Tourism Alliance (PORTA)
509-447-5286 / www.porta-us.com

Tucked tightly into the northeastern corner of the state, just north of Spokane, Pend Oreille (pronounced POND-o-RAY) County is as sparsely populated as anywhere in Washington. Yet locals are filled with so much passion for the place, you can't walk ten steps in any direction in any of the tiny communities without a local starting to brag about the lakes, fishing, dams, rivers, festivals, heritage or culture. One would have a hard time arguing with any of them—the place is downright mesmerizing.

The road north through Newport

Follow U.S. 2 north from Spokane to Newport. The visitor information center here is a great first stop for your exploration of the area and sits adjacent to the Pend Oreille County Historical Museum. This museum houses exhibits of local interest and features several authentic, original log buildings that have been relocated to this site.

Down River Days in Lone

About fifty miles north, just past the Tiger cutoff to Colville, you'll enter Lone (pronounced eye-OWN), home of Down River Days. This unique festival is held the last weekend in July and celebrates the lifestyle these residents enjoy along the banks of the Pend Oreille River. We've not



TOP: VIEW OF BOX CANYON DAM near Lone. Photo by Marcus Yearout.

BOTTOM: A BAGPIPE GROUP entertains passengers on the popular Lions Club Train from Lone to Metaline Falls. Photo by Marcus Yearout.

Spokane and Northeast Washington

been anywhere else where you can watch grown men and women attempt to cross a river on snowmobiles—and succeed!

Metaline Falls

From Lone continue north to the tiny hamlet of Metaline Falls. The main street of Metaline Falls (pronounced MET-a-lean) looks like a community right out of central casting for Americana circa 1900. Cathy's has great food and service, but go prepared—they only accept cash.

Next door, local legend has it that the historic Washington Hotel is haunted by a lady ghost wearing expensive scent and a blue wedding gown. She only lets people see her train and smell the aroma of her perfume. The Affair on Main Street is held each Labor Day weekend and features the Lions Club train ride and performances at the Cutter Theatre.

Geologic wonders surround Boundary Dam

These communities are nestled among some of the most beautiful, scenic wild country imaginable, caused in large part by catastrophic geologic circumstances that occurred over millions of years when tectonic plates collided.

Just a few minutes out of Metaline Falls is Boundary Dam. If you are lucky enough to have a motorboat, canoe or kayak—or can arrange a guided tour—make certain to cruise upriver from the park located behind Boundary Dam. You'll see towering waterfalls, soaring eagles and a few abandoned mine shafts.

If you head up to the Boundary Dam viewpoint, pull over at Sullivan Lake to take the historic Mill Pond interpretative trail walk. You might be wise to bring a gold pan!

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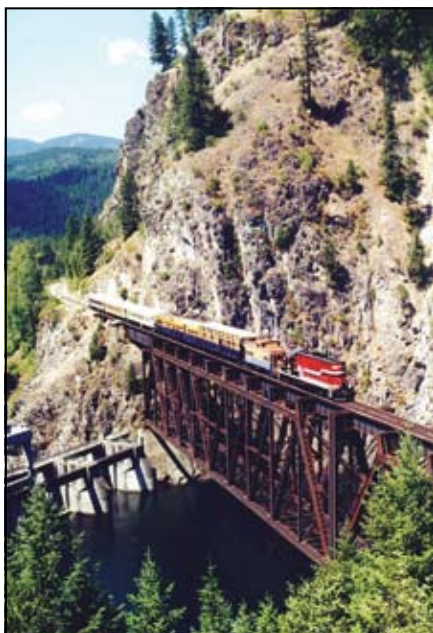
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509-738-2300 / www.kettlefalls.com

Chewelah Chamber of Commerce
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If your travel plans bring you west to Colville, the route over Highway 20 from Tiger is a beautiful drive. Visit the Little Pend Oreille Chain of Lakes, an area with marked and groomed cross-country ski trails and ORV riding trails for snowmobiles in the winter that become bike trails in the summer. There are several campgrounds, a boat launch and lakes warm enough to swim in by the Fourth of July.

Canoeists, kayakers, paddle boaters and hikers love the quiet isolation of these four small attached lakes. At Gillette Lake Campground, there is an interpretative hiking trail that shows and explains springboard trees and provides a nice view of the lakes. Pull over at a roadside turnout for a great photo of Crystal Falls. No hiking required.

Outdoor recreation surrounds Colville

Stevens County has been designated a Preserve America Community, part of a national effort to preserve our country's priceless cultural and natural heritage. This sense of identity and civic pride is easy to spot wherever you travel in this region.

While Colville has a vintage downtown shopping district, many nice restaurants—we greatly enjoyed the food and atmosphere at the Acorn—and several lodging options, it is perhaps most popular for its access to the surrounding wilderness. Several waterfalls and trailheads, the Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge (www.fws.gov/littlependoreille) and a snow park are all within minutes of downtown. From nearly any fairway on the 18-hole Dominion Meadows Golf Course, you can get a 360-degree view of the surrounding mountains in the Colville National Forest. www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville

Check out the Keller Heritage Center and Museum for some historic perspective. Here you can tour the Keller House and many original buildings such as a one-room



schoolhouse and trapper's cabin.

Colville is the "Wild Turkey Capital" of Washington State, but you'll also find plenty of grouse, quail, pheasant and duck to hunt as well as whitetail deer, bear, moose and elk.

Lake Roosevelt loop to Kettle Falls

A nice two-to-three-hour driving loop takes you south from Colville, west to Lake Roosevelt and back north into Kettle Falls. U.S. 395 leads to Chewelah with its early 20th-century architecture accented with beautiful hanging flower baskets in spring and summer. A small museum here offers a good way to get a sense of the place and its people. Chewelah is the gateway to the popular 49° North Ski Area and home to the 27-hole Chewelah Golf & Country Club as well as a thriving casino owned and operated by the Spokane tribe.

Gliding alongside Lake Roosevelt to Kettle Falls

A few minutes south of Chewelah, you can cut across a small scenic pass at



THE KETTLE FALLS Historical Center and St. Paul's Mission help visitors understand the region's cultural and natural history. Photos by Marcus Yearout.

FAMILIES ENJOY RENTING houseboats for a few days of romping and relaxation on Lake Roosevelt. Photo by Patrick Bennett.

Springdale to Hunters on Lake Roosevelt. Lake Roosevelt is a 150-mile-long reservoir of the Columbia River that was inundated by the Grand Coulee Dam in 1939. The National Park Service manages the lake as a National Recreation Area with campgrounds, boat launches, swimming beaches and interpretative programs. Rent a luxury houseboat at the Kettle Falls Marina for a relaxing vacation. Go to www.lakeroosevelt.com or for more information. Or from the Keller Ferry Marina, visit owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

Kettle Falls interpretive and information centers

Kettle Falls is another great location from which to access the hiking trails and other recreational opportunities in the wilderness along Lake Roosevelt.

Be sure to check out the Kettle Falls Interpretive Center. The small museum includes displays of the history of the region's native people. An exhibit shows



Tundra Swan Day

In February and March thousands of tundra swans fly through here from Texas and California on their way to Alaska. On Tundra Swan Day, visitors can catch a bus from the Camas Wellness Center in Usk to Calispell Lake for photos and to experience the deafening din these flocks make when they take to the air. www.porta-us.com

the grounds of Fort Colville (yes, only one l). You can still see the foundations of Fort Colville each spring when the water level in Lake Roosevelt is lowered. At the nearby St. Paul's Mission, established in 1847, there is a short interpretative trail where you can see a large boulder where Indians sharpened their tools.

Near the entrance to Kettle Falls, swing into the new Regional Visitor Information Center. Designed to look like an old railroad station, it is a great stop for local recreational information. Considered by many to be a sportsman's paradise, Kettle Falls is a central location for finding game such as turkey, deer and elk, and for prize fishing.



STRIKE OUT FOR FERRY COUNTY

➤ LOCAL EXPERTS:

Republic Visitor Center
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Heading west from Kettle Falls toward Republic on S.R. 20, you will cross Washington's highest year-round mountain pass. Designated a Washington State Scenic Byway, Sherman Pass (5,575 feet) is a beautiful crossing through Douglas fir and larch tree stands.

There are interpretative areas all along the route, so plan some time to loiter. These areas include an old log flume site with an easy paved quarter-mile trail, and Camp Growden, where hundreds of young men were sent to work during the Great Depression in FDR's Civilian Conservation Corps.

At the White Mountain/Sherman Overlook, you can walk along an easy quarter-mile paved trail and read interpretative signs detailing the devastating fires of 1929 and 1988. This is a great stop for a stretch and a little natural history lesson.

Entering Republic: Gold rush country!

At the entrance to downtown Republic, you pass a small park that features a 2,000-ounce gold nugget—or at least a symbolic representation of one. It turns out that more gold has been mined in and around Republic than came out of the entire California and Alaska gold rushes combined, and what's more, the gold mills are still processing tons of ore every year! Tours of the processing mill are available by prior arrangement. Bring your gold pan. There's still gold in them there hills!

Downtown Republic is an authentic remnant of the old frontier, filled with 19th- and early 20th-century buildings. Enjoy a fine walking tour past murals and photographs depicting the area's rich history. Many local stores feature a collection of excellent historical photographs, and nearby, the Stone Soup gallery is a storefront co-op featuring the work of several local artisans.

Dig and find fossils at Stonerose Interpretive Center and take time to visit the Historical Society Museum next door.



Road tripper's paradise

Located amidst no fewer than seven Cascade Mountain Range passes, and with an equal number of Canadian border crossings nearby, Republic has become a popular road-trip layover for auto and motorcycle clubs from throughout North America. What with the range of geologic and climatic diversity on its doorstep, and the tidy community with good dining and lodging options, it is easy to see why.

A scenic and historical route past Curlew Lake

Heading north on S.R. 21 from Republic, you encounter beautiful Curlew Lake State Park. The park provides several



OPPOSITE PAGE: BEAUTIFUL CURLEW LAKE STATE PARK has great camping, boating, swimming and fishing areas. Photo courtesy Republic Regional Visitors Bureau.

DIGGING FOR FOSSILS at Stonerose Interpretive Center in the heart of downtown Republic is fun and educational. Photos by Marcus Yearout.

grassy, shady camping spots, a roped-off swimming area, picnicking and a boat launch. Water skiers and jet boaters romp through the glassy water under the nearly constant summer sunshine.

If you love horseback riding, you can follow the path of the old stagecoach trail and wagon roads surrounding this area.

Curlew a ghost town? Don't tell the residents.

Officially designated a "Ghost Town" (there are 20 in this area), this historical

mining and logging community is actually still alive and kicking, featuring several rustic buildings and a general store to stock up on supplies. Be sure to check out the historic 1903 Ansonge Hotel Museum with its period furnishings. Call 509-779-4746 or 509-779-4951 for hours and information.

An abandoned railroad bed is being converted into a hiking, biking and horseback trail that will eventually connect the town all the way back to Republic.

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CLOCKWISE: DINERS ENJOY a meal in a popular downtown Pullman restaurant during the annual Lentil Festival. Photo courtesy of the Pullman Chamber of Commerce; METAL SCULPTURES are featured on many Ritzville street corners. Photo by Marcus Yearout; A PICTURESQUE FARM scene near Dayton. Photo by John Marshall; REGARDLESS OF THE SEASON the wheat fields of the Palouse are stunning. Photo by Tomas Kaspar; SNAKE RIVER through Hells Canyon by John Marshall; RAINBOW TROUT thrive in the Snake River. Photo courtesy Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau.





Southeast Washington

When it comes to the Palouse, seeing is believing. A tractor plows cocoa-brown earth on a perfectly symmetrical hill. The slope looks to be a 45-degree angle. You roll up one hill, down again, up another and down again, until you feel like you're riding waves.

Add to that pristine settlements, manicured farms and some ancient and deserted, tumbling-down barns and windmills. In Dayton you'll see 117 buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Don't miss the 1887 courthouse or the train station.

Follow old roads wherever they lead. The very names of the towns are straight out of cowboy poetry: Steptoe, Garfield, Albion, Colton, Uniontown, Pomeroy. You can simply drive the empty roads



and enjoy this rich land where the sun rises on Washington State, or if you're so inclined, jump on a horse, bareback, and lasso a calf. Either way, the place gets in your blood.

In Pullman, visit the bustling campus of Washington State University and check out the Grizzly Research Center. Follow the Snake River into Clarkston. Here Lewis and Clark entered what is now Washington State in 1805. You're at the gateway of Hells Canyon.

The drives are scenic. Raptors circle overhead. Look for bighorn sheep up in the rocky ledges. As you motor along, you'll find yourself inspired to sing along with Washington native son Bing Crosby, "Give me land, lots of land under starry skies above. Don't fence me in!"

Southeast Washington



Palouse Scenic Byway driving loop

Named for a local tribe, the Palouse definitely must be seen to be believed. Stretching from north of the Whitman County line down to Umatilla National Forest, the Palouse is a geologic wonder. Rolling hills, one after another like smooth mounds, rise and fall in rapid succession. The existence of these “dunes” is due in part to the fact that this area was a floodplain for melting glacial ice around 12,000 years ago. With little vegetation to hold the sediment in place, winds deposited silt particles throughout this region.

Today, you can see tractors that appear to be hanging at a 45-degree angle plow these rich and fertile mounds. Depending on the season you’ll see apple-green spring growth, amber harvest hues or quiet, silvery, snow-dusted hills stretching as far as the eye can see.

Palouse and Steptoe Butte

From Pullman, take WA-27 north to Palouse. This is a town where you can buy a \$10,000 piece of art but you can’t buy a garden hose. It is the home of four flourishing antique stores and has no cell phone service. Continue north on WA-

PULLMAN AND THE PALOUSE SCENIC BYWAY

► LOCAL EXPERTS:

Pullman Chamber of Commerce
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Distance from Seattle: 285 miles.
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A great place to begin your Palouse experience is in Pullman. If you’ve made the long drive from Seattle, get settled into your lodging, grab a bite to eat, then spend a couple hours kicking around the historic downtown and the campus of Washington State University, home of the Cougars. Or, as the locals say, “the Cougs.”

Be sure to stop at the Grizzly Bear Research Center. On Airport Road at Grimes Way, at the east edge of campus, the center is home to a dozen grizzlies

in a three-acre enclosed lot. The bears are most active in the afternoon, April through October. You’re welcome to take photographs.

Directly across Grimes Way is one of the nation’s only bighorn sheep research centers, with more than a dozen majestic indigenous sheep. The rams, ewes and lambs are active year-round. In fall, it is not uncommon to see rams butting heads in courting battles.

Before you leave campus visit Ferdinand’s Creamery for what is touted to be the world’s best ice cream, milk shakes and cheeses — including Cougar Gold, named for the WSU mascot, of which you’ll want to take a round or two home.



Eric Sheckler



The Codger Pole, downtown Colfax

Fifty years after a 1938 gridiron battle between Colfax and St. John high schools, the players, all in their late 60s, played it again. Renowned wood-carver Jonathan LaBenne memorialized the 52 players on the tallest chainsaw carving in the world.

27 through the communities of Garfield, Oakesdale, Tekoa and cut across on WA-271 to Rosalia for more beautiful scenery and that small-town atmosphere that assures all travelers that they are among friends. Just 15 minutes south of Rosalia on U.S. 195 you'll see Steptoe Butte State Park, looming high above the rolling Palouse farmland. At 3,615 feet, this is not a towering peak by Washington standards, yet it is a lofty summit with a 360-degree view that opens your eyes to the immensity of this land. On a clear day, you can see forever...or so it seems.

Exploring Colton and Uniontown

In Colton you will find the Artisans at the Dahmen Barn, an organization dedicated to supporting the region's artists. This restored dairy barn, surrounded by a fence made from more than 1,000 wagon wheels, houses several artists' studios where travelers are invited to watch more than 100 regional artists paint, sculpt, weave, knit and photograph this beautiful landscape. Head down the road to Uniontown to see the historic St. Boniface Catholic Church, or end your day with a freshly baked goody from Sage Bakery.

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OPPOSITE PAGE: HISTORIC TRAIN DEPOT in downtown Dayton. Photo by Eric Sheckler.

THIS PAGE: CREATED DURING the ice age Missoula floods that sculpted much of eastern Washington's rugged landscape, Palouse Falls appears to emerge from solid rock. Photo by Justin Martin.



GATEWAY TO HELLS CANYON: Clarkston to Dayton

➤ LOCAL EXPERTS:

Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau
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On the Washington side of the Snake River, across from Lewiston in Idaho, Clarkston merits a full day—especially if you plan to take a jet boat excursion into Hells Canyon, which we highly recommend.

This is a small, easygoing city where you can kick back, stroll along the river trails and explore the scenic area where the Clearwater River joins the Snake River.

Enjoy riverside parks, RV resorts and restaurants. Sample award-winning wineries and microbreweries, and explore museums and art galleries. For year-round affordable fun for the whole family visit the Asotin County Aquatics Center with waterslides and wave pool.

Hells Canyon Excursions

Hells Canyon National Recreation Area encompasses over 650,000 acres of some of the most spectacular and rugged wilderness on earth. It offers world-class fishing, hiking, camping, swimming, whitewater rafting and helicopter and jet boat tours. Local operators have an assortment of packages.

The canyon—the deepest gorge in North America—is so deep and the river bank so wide that there are actually ranches and settlements at the bottom of the canyon, offering an inexhaustible collection of options for enjoying the outdoors in a climate that is reliably sunny.

Asotin/Bufalo Eddy petroglyphs

A few minutes south of Clarkston on WA-129 will take you to Asotin. To see the Bufalo Eddy petroglyphs, follow

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: A PADDLEWHEELER makes its way up the Snake River toward Clarkston. Photo by John Marshall.

THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE in Pomeroy. Photo by David Whithaus.

BICYCLISTS appreciate the wide open roads that wind to and fro throughout southeast Washington. Photo by Daniel Hershman.

County Road 29 straight through the four-way stop and then take the Snake River Road for about 15 miles to Bufalo Eddy. Plan a minimum of two hours for the round trip and visit to the site. Here you can see several densely grouped, distinct images from early Nez Perce people dating back over 4,500 years. These petroglyphs are located on two groups of rock outcroppings found on both sides of the Snake River.

Garfield County: Southern end of the Palouse

West from Clarkston toward Walla Walla, U.S. 12 crosses the southern end of the Palouse. The highway meanders



through dry-land farming country, along creeks and over rivers whose banks are lush with willow and scrub, in and out of small farming communities like the town of Pomeroy, the only incorporated city in Garfield County. Grab a latte and shop at the unique gift stores, or visit any of Pomeroy's four museums and make a local acquaintance along the way. These small encounters are quite often where lasting memories are made. www.pomeroychamberofcommerce.com

Historical downtown Dayton

From the U.S. 12/WA-261 junction, head south for about 15 miles to reach historical downtown Dayton. There are 117 buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places in this small town. Two of the stars are the 1887 courthouse and the train depot.

Due to its charm, mild climate and remote setting, Dayton has drawn new


residents from all over who are ready for a change of lifestyle. The result is a keen civic pride; residents are eager to invest in historic preservation and restoration, good restaurants, shops and pleasant bed-and-breakfasts.

Among the unlikely discoveries here is a French restaurant and wine bistro that folks from across the state will drive for hours to dine in. Don't miss your opportunity to enjoy this experience and earn some bragging rights. (www.historicdayton.com)

Many travelers add Dayton to their Walla Walla itinerary. This easy and scenic 35-to-40-minute drive on S.R. 12 adds some nice variety to the Walla Walla wine-tasting experience. On this route, you'll pass an out-of-the-way but delightful hummingbird farm near Dixie and drive through little Waitsburg, which boasts a couple of cute antique stores that may tempt you to linger a bit looking for hidden treasures.

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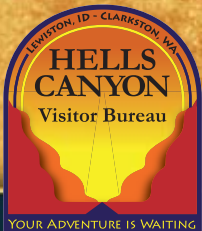


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Rolling Hills of the Palouse






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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: FROM RAINBOW TROUT to monster sturgeon, anglers in southeast Washington's rivers and lakes typically wear large smiles in addition to their hip waders. Photo of the Clearwater River courtesy Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau.

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS are popular year-round destination outdoor enthusiasts. Photo by John Marshall.

THE WILD WEST Road Rally is held in Pomeroy the last week of September and attracts rally drivers from all over the northwest. Photo by Aaron Kathman.

FLOAT TRIPS and jet boat excursions are the best way to experience Hells Canyon. Photo Courtesy Hells Canyon Visitors Bureau.



Blue Mountains and the Bluewood Ski Area

Hikers, campers and skiers will agree that Washington's Blue Mountains are worth a visit. A secondary road, south out of Pomeroy, leads to Umatilla National Forest and a state park. From Dayton, rugged roads lead further into the forest and the mountain range and the Bluewood ski and recreation area. Bluewood is only a 20-mile drive one-way, but plan a full hour to reach the ski area and an hour back.

Bluewood has the second-highest base elevation in Washington State and is renowned for its clear skies and dry powder, while receiving an average snowfall of more than 300 inches annually. There are plenty of excellent trailheads and campgrounds so pack up the kids and head for the backcountry.

Relax and enjoy the peace

This is still a place where you can free your mind and gently soothe your spirit in solitude. Enjoy the quiet pace of back roads. Take the time to look up at cliffs and canyon walls for a spell. You may begin to see movement. A raptor takes flight, or a bighorn ram catches your eye as he jumps from a rocky ledge to a hanging meadow. And then you see why. There's a whole up herd there grazing.

A lazy weekend spent meandering through the southeast corner of the state will reward you with renewed energy and fond memories.



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MaryJane's Farm Fair

On Saturday July 3rd, Southeast Washington will host one of the most charming events of the summer season. Originating in Coeur d'Alene, the "Buggy, Barter and Boogie" farm fair leads through the tiny, energetic communities of Rockford, Fairfield, Tekoa, Oakesdale, Garfield and Palouse. The brainchild of organic farming guru and publisher MaryJane Butters, music, art, crafts, antiques and of course farm fresh food are plentiful along the 170-mile route. Go to <http://www.maryjanesfarm.org/farmfair2010> for more information on the tour schedule.

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